

Bark Balle April 26th

Trade Windy & calm and our rival
is now some 3 miles ahead of us
we had a sea pie to day
but our new cook cannot
commence to make any kind
of dish with an old French
cook quite warm and pleasant

17th Trade calm not a breath of air I
do not know what latitude or
what longitude we are in but
my hour glass being mostly all
longitude I shall shoot the sun
(as my forward jack calls it)
at the first opportunity
Keep a fine Spanish roasted for
dinner for day cooking table

18th No wind at yet the Bark
has report is some 3 miles to windward
of us. Commenced making Spanish
sugar & rum. I had quite a
large wash to day not having
washed since leaving port before
The old man opened the shop chest
(the Nautical shop) or rather a clothing
store and all that wanted any
winter clothing Boots shoes & other
to come and get now for this sale
In the last time the shop chest was
opened the winter I was attending
in the house charging everything as
fast as the boys brought it. I had
some 300 worth and thus closed
up shop. Monday I am to
commence writing up the old man's
books for him. that is a job
I have always nursed and off it
shall certainly make the best of it
this time

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19th I got a fine lot of Books in port
and so to day is a very pleasant
I shall keep my time in making
know what I would always be a land
lubber would know how to prize a book
I mean that an end of trading
until they have been 16 months at sea
without any trading matter

20th Commenced writing up the old man's books
and intend to nurse the job as much as
possible he gave me a very nice new
shirt while in port. It is not very seldom
that he makes a present I think I let
it pass without making a note of it
and again in Calcutta he gave me a
two dollar gold piece and told me
to use what I wanted of it and
bring him the rest without even asking
for it

21st The Captain's appearance on my light
this time in port is what they usually
are and I cannot avoid finishing
to play however all night in for
the past two nights is a very warm
fall to talk I shall finish tonight
nearly of good calm. but what little
wind there is in an trying to head
west by north.

22nd What we said from New Bedford the
old mate sent me in Captain of the
for hole for the purpose of showing
where all the ropes in the ship were
placed and also the books, the logs
&c. as well as the keys & things all
handy on reaching port. I have been busy
all day charging it out