

St. Paul & Baltic April 18th 1857

Thurs 18th The nights are quite cool but the days are warm and pleasant a great deal like our Indian summer at home. This afternoon Blackhawk raised a large school of blackfish in the matter box; soon the old men sung out get your boats ready and call all hands. This we found away and after this school of fish we started but they seemed to know what a boat was for as soon as we got near them down they would go. After serving us in this way for two hours we spread away and found on board the Westburyport is some 25 miles off on our lee beam. When she saw that we hauled attack she luffed up and stood along but when she got any where near us our boats were around. In this regard the yards and kept on our course but hornet with a very light breeze. The wind has hauled and on an now traced ahead up with a good breeze. I do not think this was a ship ever going on the hornet for the purpose of getting the more captures. It lies up than the Baltic any day on from the Captain down to the storage box want this to be our last season on the cold and stormy hornet and if by looking out sharp from the mast head and pulling hard when after a while we get there very on will mostly do his best or must witness hundred barrels to fill the ship with a flock and if possible on an found to have that amount of oil. I sometimes if I should only get 3 or 400 barrels I should be strongly inclined to run away rather than go another season on the hornet.

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Sat 28th Has been a cold & rainy night the wind has hauled right around and is now blowing strong from the north accompanied with a cold and dirty rain. The Westburyport is entirely out of sight now the last we saw of her she was in our matter quarter. In our morning watch found five to seven I did my washing this afternoon taking my stockings and mending up an old pair of pants. I must aft and get five pounds of tobacco and this makes 35 lbs of tobacco I have used and gave away this voyage. Possibly I must stop smoking this mid for it will not do the old man change us 30 cents a pound that amounts to the moderate sum of \$1.40 in about eighteen months enough to buy several cheap dresses for my wife if I ever get one which I think strongly of when I can afford it. I intended to have taken the latitude this noon but it was so cloudy I could not get at the mast head. I saw a school of porpoises they went off in the matter bay without coming under.

Sun 26th

We have had the Pacific hurricane since last night at midnight that is a dead calm not even a breath of wind. Look the sun to day in Lat 28° 30' North and 177° 40' East. When it is Sunday here it is Monday at home and so on my day earlier in this longitude. It has been a beautiful day warm and pleasant. The day is beginning to trouble me again. About the same last year they were so I could not bear them to the light for 5 days I laid in my bunk with my head down. up in black holes as soon as they got a little better I had my hand pinched and they have troubled me very little.