Bark Baltic April 30th 1857

Mon 27th A light breze sprung up in our morning watch. Did not work from 5 to 8 getting the potatoes out of the forehold to assort them they had commenced rotting very soon. It kept breezing on all the forenoon and when we made on Deck this afternoon the breze was very strong so that we were obliged to take in several of the lofty sails. Their course but seldom the wind she makes about west by north if we only could hold Westerly we should know see Rio Janeiro and I am very anxious to get amongst them for I can not bear the thought of coming up here again

Tues 28th

One of the Spaniards by the name of Diego that the old man shipped last fall wants to go home to America with me. he has always seemed very much attached to me and he has not Father Mother Sister or Brother nor any relations. he is a smart active and faithful little fellow. and I think I shall take him with me whatever my fate through life may be. I know that he will stay by me in adversity as well as prosperity. The breze is very strong and the old ship is rolling and pitching in about the same style as on New Zealand and the Vermont. and groaning and grunting as if she had more than she could bear. but the old man seems determined to hold on to all the canvass she has on. he has fore & main topgallant sail topsail & flying jib. I have seen her under reefed topsails many a time in not as strong a breze as this except by W My eyes are still very weak I think I have injured them very much by reading by lamp light

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Wed 29th The yards are squared Studding sails set fore and main the breze is not as strong as it was yesterday. but we have a good fair working wind. The clouds was flying out from W by S this morning but found to be nothing but a Hemispheric so we took no notice of him I think if I ever live to get back to my native Weil again I shall go to some Optician and see if he can tell me why I should have these pains in my eyes. I recollect when I went to Western at School for 3 days I had a very severe pain in my Starboard Eye so that I was obliged to turn in and keep my bed.

Thurs 30th

It is a breezing on very strong so that we have been obliged to take in all the lofty sails. for the past 4 days the wind has blown from every point in the compass but most of the time from the S & E course I tell we met by north

Fri May 1st This afternoon I went down in the forecastle to see if I want lousy I never had such a thing I scratching I had my shirts off when Dan happened down thereupon he says what is the matter with you there is large night spots all over you. I went aft on the Quarter Deck on Thursday the old man. he could not make anything of it but told me not to come on Deck any more that night. and we I did not girl Peter in the morning light winds we have luffed up and our course is normet by north studding sails fore & main. The days are warm and pleasant but the nights are cool and frosty. All night we went he had to take so I reckon I will turn in and enjoy myself