

Barre Valtie May 18th 1837

16th - Boat so that our Boat remained on the ground & we had nothing to do but look on and see the fun if any soon the whole school of Blackfish jumped up just under the ships bows the Captain got so excited he gave chase away the Sargoza Boat & I will go down & see if I cannot get a fish this is the second time the old man has hounded away this voyage. He is as quick & spry in the Boat as a cat the whole Boat very liked him for that as a Boat trader but no one got a Blackfish, we came on board about 4 P.M. It was a hard matter for me to refrain from taking a few tobacco pipes down in the Boat. I have not had any tobacco in my mouth for the past two days.

At one time the Starboard ^{watch} chace down reefed for & main topsail. They hauled up the foresail & the gallance of the night was red with nothing but double reefed topsails. This morning a very thick fog so that you can hardly see the flying jib down distinctly it has remained so for the future day. For the past ^{few} days and persons favored has been on Deck but 4 hours the other 20 when not eating the rough in this hunt. Still running right before the wind with a very strong breeze commenced getting colder (but) on the 14th we had a thick fog. That on water & eat ourselves in our watches on dark nights which I am extremely fond of salad Black. I will give you the receipt. take a pint cup 3/4 Gall of water mix sufficient molasses to make it agreeable to the taste then put in a few drops of Vinegar. then

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enough in hard bread to be eaten with a spoon I do not think for the past 19 months I have missed one day's night without partaking some part of a pot of Black. I say this is proper food where we can get nothing better

Thom 18th

Very light mind the old man is land off of this ground for Bristol Bay where we more West season at this time, we are sure of seeing whales there the matter is odd & disagreeable

May 19th

I have since with a good strong breeze: took latitude to day for a wonder the sun was out good & bright but wind for the first time these twelve days (30th 17th) but the wind blew North with the running - the old man attended his one point so that his course is 1/4 of square yards. We now again imagined the vanishing I and to get filled up the season for I want this for certainly for any last season on the cold Norwest. I went to the Masthead track this morning at 3 A.M. after being up there about one hour the sun rose most beautifully I never saw a more glorious sight in a short time a small black cloud appeared & soon extended nearly all over the heavens for the space of half an hour it had a perfect hurricane - we had nearly all sail set & we were obliged to haul everything off & close up topsails. on all nearly perished with the cold. the old man said to me after finishing everything do you think I will ever come on another whaling voyage I answered readily not as long as I am in my right mind & can get anything else to eat. before 11 A.M. the sun shone out bright & clear all sail was now made as we are now making passage to Bearings before us