

Bank Baltic June 26th 1857

When in the whole course of my life have I been so tired as I am this night on board. I was on deck here at work since 12 o'clock last night. We have hauled out everything in the mizzen hatch & stowed down 100 bbls of oil & kept trying out all the time. It is very fatiguing work lifting & hauling around large 10 & 12 lb kegs & us Americans have it also to do for they will not hear any one around that does not understand English. I will not come up here another week if I cannot get away any other way. I shall be induced to take French leave. The old man is running both fore & aft singing out work quick. Was for a short time at my old friend & companion one Black joined & then the hard ship. We shall finish trying out in the morning. Everything today is oil & smoke from the royal all the way to the cabin deck. Light mists

170 1/2
I could not be any sicker than I am & that is the general complaint with all hands. All day trying out & have stowed down all the oil the whole stow down 170 bbls. All hands go deck again to day no ships for our watch since 12 o'clock last night only about 10 hours put out of 48 is running & to like a dog. The masts could just as well give up quarter masts as put to right & my hand scraped all the while. I got the deck all cleaned up & everything in ship shape. Also again. But the grip on the day in the masts principle. If he cannot get a quarter mast he will not give it his match. Although I must say for it is a very unusual thing. He let a part of us go to bed a little while this morning. We by morning in much out our oil & the in day.

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I feel much better to day. I have given myself a good wash & a shower & got me some clean clothes. You would not have known your own son if you could have seen him yesterday. I was nearly black with smoke & dirt. (from the stove) I say it was the accumulation of two weeks dirt & 12 months hard. Everything looks as clean & bright as it did when we took the ship. The old man saw 6 men like this one & straight for him. He said in story. It commenced raining in this afternoon & before dark it was truly a terrific gale & wind blowing too much rain. Weathered 10 pieces

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The old man has a stove in the house for the purpose of drying our clothes at & as soon as they are sufficiently dried out in the sun. It is a very good one. If it was not for this, most of the time we would be obliged to wear our clothes wet. As we hardly ever see a day pass without fog or rain. The old man has not been able to take the steam for the past 12 days. I often go in the house & sit down by the stove & have a long game with the old man & he condescends to come down in the forecastle to game with the boys. He is very fond of gambling but confines himself to only 3 of 1 his gold & I and one of that number. Course we

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The long my strong under close refused to pass being before the wind came. Since 12 yesterday. Compared standing quarter masts against last night. Foggy & rainy

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The under close refused to pass not so disagreeable. I had a long game in the house with the old man. He told me the history of his & my other things if I got 750 shells more of oil in the chest of going home. Course same