

Went Back to Ball's Bay 5th July 1837

3rd got up as possible + took no poor shivering
matters in his boat + pulled for the
ship. she was coming to us as fast as
she could with all sail set. She took us
on board + we met below but could not
get our frozen clothes off from us without
assistance. this is the first time we
have ever been so badly stove + the first
time we ever had to swim. + I sincerely
hope it may be the last. we picked up
the pieces + old man had them hoisted
on board. old chips is busy mending up the
old boat again. as soon as we got warm
+ dry clothes on. we took the starboard boat
+ started for the wharves again but could
not get on + came aboard. landed again
just after dinner without any better success.
went down again about 3 P.M. Mr. Pundleton
went to a large cow wharf + killed his
boatman put 2 carcasses in him. our
boat soon got fast. we held on to the
muzzle of a shell + then cut the lines +
let him go. he ran so fast we could
not get near enough to lance him.
This is the first time we have landed. + we have
had a hard + long pull. no ship since
I this morning. now I will turn in for I
am very tired + sleepy. don't forget to
thank Providence. for my fortunate
escape from a truly fearful death.

2nd 4th This is our glorious fourth at home
I can imagine what lively times you are
all having. + I am surrounded by a vast
expanse of water with nothing else to
my eye except a ship to be seen
high + thick. killed 2 pigs this morning.
had one of them for dinner. besides fowling
cattle + other fancy things. Spent ship.

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John just came down from the Bojaia with
2 wharves. after taking in sail the French
Ship Valerian 3rd came down + spoke us. the
old man went on board with his boats
and she is 9 months out from France with
150. bbls of oil. only 3 in the forecabin that
could speak English at all.

3rd 5th By the past 4 days had been to midward
the morning the old man saved the goods
+ now we are running before the wind. Mr.
Pundleton killed a fish seal along side of the
ship. the skin of these animals is worth five
dollars in the States.

4th 6th Still running before the wind. have not seen
any more of a whale. I am trying to get
discouraged about filling up the vessel. at
the rate this thick fog most of the day
little Pickens had been unable for some
days. now we have 3 in the forecabin.
Cable reefed topsail. laying too in a thick fog.

5th 7th A Palmyra Linnian this morning. with fog +
a drizzly rain. laying back fishing for codfish
and catching them very fast. this seems to be
quantities of cod all over the Bay. made fish
a fine hot cake. just at night a fine breeze sprang
up. made sail. and commenced cruising for
light whales again.

6th 8th Fine breeze. saw 4 clipper ships Japan off of her
and chasing wharves. we soon caught her boats
on board. then we met a man and spoke
her. our boat with the Captain + the major
went on board. Mr. Storis. got a letter
from his wife acquainting him that she got
the cable 2 months after we sailed from there.
the ship is a beautiful little ship of about
275 tons. but the most filthy one I have seen