

Back Baiter Sept 20th 1837

The evening I was on of his feet and and I can assure you it is only to my last visit we heard of her. She has been out from home 40 months and has put 3 Americans on board, and they were digging for pipes tobacco and almost everything. I have all together the most the poorest looking set there ever the night. I sent them some tobacco pipes

Sept 21st I passed the yard the morning. Main road and Studdings set and ran and found straight for the and as fast as mind could I will carry us. It was delayed in about one mile ahead. It passed back the afternoon until we came up in the along the shore and ascertained the longitude and then left us and was again. It was for to call at said. The first matter in hand was for a long time to day & yesterday. Fair wind came S.E. Sat 30 Long 169

Sept 22nd I feel a little low spirits. for it is now almost time to start home to come another voyage, and it makes me fairly sick to think of it. The only mitigation is to think away from the island, and hope what little I have told or heard for the past two years of my life. How cannot I imagine my feelings at times (Dear Mother, when I reflect what I might have been and what I am... I can hardly believe it possible that a person in his right senses could have been such a fool as I have been myself. And then again I go along with a civil may as air dragging to east my thoughts to the mines. During that I have never had any authority on my mind. It can make no difference to me whether provisions are

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high in the morning I am sure of it to be done it is not off the net, but it is substantial and I am certain. But I do not like the worst coast. and the food. I have to come again. It is all together too much of a good thing. I think I have already had experience enough to teach me a severe lesson. But I have always considered my punishment was merited. But 18 months more is too much. The crew has all died away and the Captain of the S.H. came on board just before 12.30. I am still quite dark

Sept 23rd

It commenced raining on Sunday night and before 3 in the morning we had all sail taken in except close reefed main topsail. and until today it has been raining a terrible gale, carrying away the boatswain's + deterring the boat. and almost constantly heavy was washing in on decks so that it was very dangerous to walk from the fore-castle aft. The gale for the whole of the day has been dark & cold. I met nothing but the decks got adrift now then. This morning the sun was bright and clear. and the sky was in sight. Light my as and fair made all sail. Spoke sails below & aloft. Fore & main got through the passage about 3 P.M. John Howland about two miles ahead. broke out for water & have been getting things in ship's shape order that got displaced during the last gale. (the Equinoctial gale) as now is the time the sun crosses the Equator. Kaitia in the mast & bow down and lay her down on the deck. The former got badly struck by a heavy sea that came washing in on deck during the gale. An old man going to America is sick as fast as mind & always wife about it. and I am very anxious for want to give from the very much out a word from I have in my long years