

Ball's Ball Nov 15th 57

Swells In an hour entirely out of the sight of land and I can assure you I have heartily had of it. as strange as it may appear to you I think much of my regular sea living. Thus I go off fresh while in port. but I like just for a change. I can believe Basil's story that yesterday the day was laying off and on at Atterap. The day has passed most entirely as you can see and things are pretty well known. There is only light of us left that came out from the Ball and in the ship. On the morning I had to commence straightening up the old man accounts for him. The weather but light mias cause S.E. by S

Master Brew busy for the last 3 days in setting up, rugging and repairing the boats for the whaling business. and in getting things in general in ship shape order. I have been getting the old man books straightened for him. we have had very light winds and died ahead. The old crew find it a bit trying to run out no account of my being at steady in port and not being on shore but very little. the weather is warm and pleasant. but the live animals in the house make a great deal of filth

Nov 19th In my afternoon watch today I took all your letters from my chest and read them over for perhaps the fiftieth time. No one can appreciate the pleasure a letter of yours one writes far away from home and all friends. I have read Mayreath's works of Mr. Laid for new third matter and what I think I have from shipping and seeing in my watch. What I am waiting. many of them I have read before

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Nov 20th The weather is exceedingly warm and in one state unfortunately filled with head winds. I have eaten for many watermelons & oranges for the past few days. that they have made me almost dead sick still being working in the rigging. Tomorrow I am thankful to wash day for I have not washed a piece since before we got in port. and I can assure you your letter is not our chance. but I am in hopes to remedy that tomorrow

Nov 21st I have a fine washing 23 pieces and am happy to say. finishing it to my satisfaction. We have sailed in the Norwest tracks and they are coming down strong

Nov 23rd Recd equally all day under single reefed topsails for the first time since leaving port. We are now fine green whaling ground. The officers have commenced standing watch. We have a new and heavy gun now in the forecastle got this while in port. some of them have quite an antipathy against me. They have endeavored to make it was useless to haul me out of my bunk and take me on deck. They are three awful earnest Portuge. my strong bias. making our course on top tang at latitude 33. E Lat about 10° north

Nov 25th and now was sung out this morning from aloft. we stood in for it. and layed about and went before for the purpose of getting fruit & cocoa nuts. it was one of the American group called Hain's island. we got a few cocoa nuts & some and then stood on our way with a good strong breeze stirring. Full and by