

314<sup>th</sup> day

Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

We are still alive and in good health and have had quiet times today and some seem to have thought of their evil ways and have concluded to leave off swearing. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate has told me he intended to quit it for life. I was speaking to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate about it to day and he has promised to swear no more for ever. Well this is one step toward a reformation I hope it will increase till they are better men May the Lord help all to be better men is my prayer

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Monday October 24<sup>th</sup>

N.E. trades light. Bleeding by the wind to the W. and S.W. saw 2 schools of porpoises and fastened to one in each deck again school but the view obscured both times. We have not caught but I got the voyage. The month fitting regging

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Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>

A light breeze from the E. and pleasant. The Carpenter finished the frame of the Leath and shook it and stowed it away in the run until needed

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Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>

The watch kept busy the most of them fitting the rigging and others ~~with~~ <sup>supplied</sup> with a couple of old files. Runmishers are very actively engaged in fitting the most off of the factory windlass ~~whelps~~ large pieces of cast iron. They have been at it all day and still there is no end. It is probably done for a while to keep them out of mischief. They take their own time

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Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>

Wind E. S. E. In the night it increased to a double reef, topsail breeze and she threw two hundred water for our burnishers to work. Nothing in sight

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Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>

Runmishers Wind light - Varying from S. to S. W. Course E by S. The Carpenter making the Captain a secretary and I have just finished a machine for cutting gear wheels and drilling iron. Works well so far. Give a good comparison

320<sup>th</sup> day

Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

This is a day jeerily taken for putting things to rights. The Masts are scraped and blushed, the rigging are scraped and oiled and the spades are scraped and oiled. Many little jobs are done on Saturday that is not done on either of the other six days and we finish the work by washing off deck for Sunday. Took the scaling out of the bow boat repaired scraped and washed her inside with ley and put her over board to <sup>dry</sup> Latt about 36 is.

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Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>

This day has been cool and windy and not as in mind of <sup>the</sup> chilly frost that is creeping in at the cracks of our dwellings at home. I hope they are all ready for it by this time. Last year at this time I was there to provide but I hope my wife has some one ~~there~~ provide better than I could but I fear not. Well bear a little longer I do not forget you and will try to be there and better prepared to help than I ever was. We will trust in him who is able to provide

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Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>

Cold and blustering all day. Bleeding by the wind to the S. E. Wind E. Saw a shark and a breach but when he breached he breached out of sight and we saw him no more. Nothing of importance to do. Scrimshant a little

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Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>

The first day of November has passed thus our voyage is wearing away with our lives. I do not like to wish my life away but I am in a hurry to see the end of the voyage for we think the pleasantest part of our lives will commence at the closing of the voyage. So it is quite reasonable that we should wish it away. The weather a little more mild. Nothing in sight

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Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Pleasant weather. Wind about E. Two men scumming the windlass iron with sand and the deck spot also scumming. I believe it is to pay for sleeping in the watch on deck. Any thing is better than flogging. They do not appear to dislike the job though they lose their warts below