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Sunday November 13th 1853

We are spared to see the dawn of another Sabbath morning and to me it is pleasing although we are far from home but as long as we are numbered with the living we shall have a hope of meeting them again this is life or rather as dear as life 11 months will have passed tomorrow since we left the dearest spot on earth and the dearest ones that live yet my love does not diminish and my mind is frequently with them both when asleep and awake How often I picture to myself the happiness that will attend our meeting and what I intend to enjoy is worth living for I should ^{would} my wife think I have forgotten how quick and affectually every doubt and fear be removed if she could have known my thoughts to day but alas she does not know that I live and I know how to pity her as our doubts and fears are mutual Live in hope and love forever

Monday November 14th

Part of the day light breeze from the W. and part of the day calm Course E by N. Our stevedore Ray has slept in irons for two nights past in consequence of his having been caught in the act of masturbation they keep him in sight during the day studying his lesson to prevent the recurrence of such a vice

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Thrust deers nearest

Tuesday November 15th

Wind varying from N. to N.W. steering E by N. At 11 A.M. saw the Island call Lays Island

Wednesday November 16

At 2 the boats returned from chasing blackfish fitted fishing lines calculating to catch a few small fish as we cannot catch large ones but we are stood in for the land some of our great men saw a haly breaching and shouting and we ran for them about an hour when they proved to be rocks the sea working over them At 8 A.M. the same great men saw more whales cutting all manner of capers. ran for them about 2 hours but saw them no more Saw a brig and a ship.

Cruising off the Coast of California

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Thursday November 17th 1853

Cruising off the Island At sunset took in sail and as usual we had our great Daniel Woodenhead giving orders to the men on the yard a practice that is disgusting in the extreme especially the manner he speaks He drew out to the men on the mainmast to sail yard to bear ahead and pick up the sail He heard no answer so he bawled out again do you hear their eye, eye, sir was the reply when our great hero bawled out 'Open your heads ^{then} and be dam to you; They raised the sail and came down when the captain went at them with the end of a rope and beat them most shamefully saying he was not a going to spend his breath talking to them He worked hard to flog them to his everlasting shame and disgrace It is enough to make a man that has a heart weep tears of blood to witness such an outrage upon humanity Made sail in the morning to a strong wind from the N.W. beating to the windward toward the ship supposed to be the Bark Caesar for which we have letters At noon she was a few miles to the windward of us when we hauled up the mainsail and waited for her and when she did not conclude to come for her letters so we squared the yards steering to the S. The Island about 10 miles distant

Friday November 18th

Blowing nearly a gale At dark took in sail and luffed too and at daylight made sail steering to the S.E. with the Coast of California in sight

Saturday November 19th

This has been a beautiful day steering a zigzag course in shore and offshore making some south latitude Unbent the M. sail repaired it and bent it again Lowered for blackfish but got none The Carpenter finished the Capt. Secretary to day commenced 21 days ago and finished a real for a clothed line Times have passed very agreeable since the day before yesterday Ends November 19th

George Ray in irons

The ship of San Francisco in sight bearing W.

The mate sick still

Mr. Marble on duty again

When men flog for nothing

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Secretary done