

364 days out

Monday December 12th 1853.

Allmost calm steering to the N. West
I have taken pains to examine Williams's nose (see the other page) and it appears to be broken about in the middle, by stopping or pinching the end to gather he can blow blood and air through the broken part It pains him very much He had not been seen asleep before since we left the Islands. The Captain has taken a great dislike to Williams without a cause

The watch over hauling the blocks some of the patent bushings are very much out of order Latitude yesterday by F. R. Oakman's observation 16. 19 N.

365 days one year

Tuesday December 13th

Light breeze and very warm After supper nearly all hands went in a swimming the old man in with us and as much of a boy as any of us It is a good thing to breathe often and this weather is remarkable favorable for the amusement Finished fitting the blocks

Repaired and bent

a maintop sail

366 Wednesday December 14th

Is it possible that one long year has passed since I left my home my friends my little wife and babies Yes, as painful as the thought appears it is even so and though the year has been a long one it would take many such before I shall forget the pleasing associations that is connected with the thoughts of home and the anticipation of meeting those beloved ones again

Well many things have passed which if exposed would cause the stones of N. B. to cry out and many poor mothers would weep tears of blood in contemplating the flogging and abuse inflicted on their sons by a gang of unfeeling ~~set~~ men called Captains and officers but are not worthy of the name hardly a day passes but there is something that causes many heavy feelings even if they should not get beat To day the Capt. struck Farmer with his fist and knocked out one of his teeth and loosened another The tooth that his fist so he raked up shortly after Will they have used me well and am thankful that we are all spared except one

The 4th of March is altogether to important to forget it. I caught the 4th of March asleep for the first time and struck him directly 18 times with a rope end and two him to a beam of the ship and kept him there till he fell in the other watch

Very warm
Confusion Building a wagon for
Mrs. Putnam of Newburyport
I had on a sack for him

Round to Cape St. Lucas

Thursday December 15th 1853.

Commenced with a light breeze varying from N. to S. steering W. N. W. Latter part a strong breeze with a considerable of a head beat sea and as I happened to have a meat head for 10 to 12 it came so near making me sick that could not eat my dinner so I lost my share of duff Well this is the first meal I have lost since I left home. Repaired and bent a fore topsail and ripped to pieces an old sparker Saw porpoises Lat 15. 30 N. Long 103. 20 W

Friday December 16th

To day we managed to catch a porpoise the second one this day. The watch making a puny war and picking ockum. A fresh breeze from the N. W. steering by the wind to the westward saw two birds steering to the Eastward. Going

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Today lost the first meal

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Dinner on water
bought to day

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Saturday December 17th

The watch had been busy to day doing up the Saturday work that is scouring the spades cleaning the buypots and scraping the and slushing the masts and giving the ship a cold water since out side and in. This generally uses up the day and is so particularly tedious too as a woman tends to work her Saturday work at home. Saw Porpoises So ends another

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Sunday December 18th

Another beautiful Sabbath dawned upon us contrasting much with the cold morning that attends many wife at home still I trust she does not suffer with the cold as she has probably a good supply of coal in the cellar with a good share of provisions to go with it. This is all very pleasing but after all it is something of a tax to build a fire these cold mornings and dress 3 or 4 little ones and attend to their many wants. Well if health and contentment is added I think they will endure till I get back to help them. I expect she has received my poor letters by this if so I hope she will accept of my feeble efforts to sympathize with ^{her} and take courage and enjoy herself and when she writes tell me so and I shall be very or rather try to be happier. This is my prayer. Truly

Yours Truly
F. R. Oakman's Observation 16. 14 N.