

1107. Tuesday December 25th 1855
Christmas has passed but it has not been a very
one though we have spent the evening on board the
Humbler up to the hour of 11 o'clock
It is for the first that the people at home have had
pleasanter time I wish a day to be respected
Have been in the boat about the night
One stands on the fore part another on the end
of the fly jibboom the others on the lower
This seems rather overbearing
Overhauling the blocks and newly drawing the
straps. Thursday has been a pleasant one and
we have steamed to the southward and forward
and job while the H. and the Ecuador have had
all laid out to keep up. The C. had Mr. Royal
and foremast and Wooding sail half the time
Sat. 8. 1855

1108. Wednesday December 26th
The day has been very pleasant till evening
when we had a few squalls of wind and rain
Staring. Looked when the wind was overcast
The sailors singingly making new footropes
and new lifts. Took and made a ladder for
Camarero to live in the cabin. The Captain thinks
it is too good to live in the forecabin
The men are stationed again in the lookout line on
the end of the fly jibboom, one on the jibboom
one on the lower and the fourth stands on the end
of the fore yard. It is unreasonable and it
provokes them so that they say they would not be
on board if the ship was about going ashore
One neighbor nearly out of sight at sunset

1109. Thursday December 27th
Weather pleasant and wind favorable
We are still by G. fitted the sailing blocks and
sails. The falls (one new one) are also ready
for whaling. Making as much preparation as
possible for a long voyage in winter
What had at midnight

Bound to Notongo
Friday December 28th 1855

I must now try to record the events of the three days
past as I have not been able to before in consequence
of having taken in a load of iron filings in my right
eye which deprives me of the temporary use of that
valuable organ up to the present time
It would not be an duty at this time if Mr. Webster
had not performed a surgical operation upon it with the point
of a knife and removed three pieces which had worked
deep into the sight. He performed the operation in
a manner highly creditable and with all the caution,
care tenderness and sympathy of a female for which
I feel very grateful
The weather has been delightful the past few days the
wind light from the Eastward and we have been wafted
gently to the S.E. in a pleasing manner. Crossed
the Equinoctial line last Friday and it is pleasing
to me to know that I shall never be to the north of
it again in this Ocean. We have many poor fellows
here that have not got that to console them
The Watch is busy fitting rigging and making spinnakers
The most of them passed the beautiful Sabbath in reach
but I could not participate in the delightful employment
This brings me to the 31 of December the

Last day of the year 1855
For the year has past with its pleasures and its pain
We have been called to undergo many things of a disagree-
able nature but I feel thankful that health and strength
have been given us to perform them
I began the year with strong resolutions of doing my
duty in a better manner than I had previously and am
glad to say they have not been disregarded though
there is great room for improvement and another year
is to be given for the March of Moral and Religious
improvement but none know who will be spared
to fight the glorious battle.