

Howard Cape Horn

and graining to heavily fanned. I think it was the most exciting time we have had since the fire and I am glad our pretty ones knew nothing about the storm or they might have had more trouble than we did in all the water wind and hail. It is now 6 PM in the evening and it is still equally but they do not come so heavily and as every roll brings us nearer home we are in good spirits though somewhat wet and cold so every roll is a roll home. Lat. 37.54 S. Long 156.55 W.

1206 Thursday April 3rd 1856

The gale continues the same and we continue to tumble over the moving mountains of troubled water now and then shipping a sea which does us the trouble sweeping and washing deck and is doing something toward washing our clothes though we should choose a different method if it was left to our judgment. During the night took another quantity of water in the cabin but it did no other damage but wet the floor and having the steward off with this bed who was asleep under the table Course E. Lat. 37.56 S. Long 156.55 W.

1207 Friday April 4th

More moderate Wind. 4 PM. Steering E.S.E. Let main top gallant sail over single reefed main top sail. The sea is gradually leaving us and it is hoped we shall soon be able to carry a studding sail. Lat. 38.22 S.

1208 Saturday April 5th

The wind has blown light from the N.W. W. S. part of the day, rather the latter part and we have set the fore topmast and lower studding sails steering E.E. by E. The starboard watch forward lost their watch below with 3 exceptions because they were longer stating the studding sails than the Captain thought proper. He has been very much out of humor all day watching new for him. Over two large dogs "King" & "David" had a hard fight today so dogs have trouble as well as men. The Captain told the mate to keep the men at work if he heard the "dear Larry Loney" sons of bitches" talking the boys pots till they wore out all the bricks in the ship. The poor fellow must possess a horrid state of mind naturally and he keeps it greatly excited with strong drink so we cannot expect many pleasant words or pleasant news from him or others but the time is growing short.

1209 Sunday April 6th 1856

The weather has been pleasant with the exception of a few squalls. We have been blown round our native home by a fine breeze from the N.W. W. and as the course is E.S.E. we have had a topsmast studding sail on each side with a lower and one top gallant studding sail and nothing to hinder us from taking comfort but the painful heart of men is opposed to pure enjoyment. Portuguese had another fit immediately after dinner and the Captain kept the watch on deck an hour because 5 men stopped below to hold him instead of appearing on deck according to established order. So goes inconsistencies. I have kept my mind free of the disagreeable feelings arising from the of bad order by reading Dr Wm Channing works. Carried away another studding sail for us. So ends.

Lat. 41.13 S. Long 156.55 W.

1210 Monday April 7th

Wind and weather the same as yesterday and the Captain is about as cross. He struck Hamilton with the end of an old hard piece of 3 in tarred rope but fortunately for him. I am glad of it in the coil and was tripped up in it and he could get clear. Hamilton was out of reach in the rigging and the old one only hit him twice. The old fellow is after some one with a sharp stick. Finished a lower studding sail and set it an hour ago so we have 6 drawing now though light. Lat. 42.50 S. Long 156.55 W. something West.

1211 Tuesday April 8th

Making slow progress toward home; the breeze is very light but the weather very pleasant. The old fellow turned out a ugly as I ever saw him but I think he feels better now. Kept Hamilton to the wheel all day so of course he did not have the advantage of a watch below with the rest. Portuguese had another fit much lighter than former. I have been getting out a frame for a house for the latter sailors. Lat. 43.54 S. Long 156.55 W.

1212 Wednesday April 9th

Very calm through the night and till 4 in the afternoon when a light breeze sprang up from the E by E and E.S.E. The sailors doing small jobs about the rigging and the carpenter and myself at work on our little house in our watch on deck great work will be carried on when it is completed. Twelve years ago I returned from my last voyage of an looking for a better time in the course of time and a half moon other.