

Ship Julian at Sea Jan 28 1856

Dear Sister Susan I will write to you and brother Peter a few lines knowing that you will like to know how I am getting along in the first place Peter I have had the Derry eleven foot braced hard against the Julian's lee bow ever since we left hence have lost too over half the whales we have struck and coming through the 170 degree passage of the Fox Isles took a S Easter and had to carry sail like the devil to keep clear of the land carried away four your gibbon & Cap and sprung main yard & main topsail your's and in fact eased the deck the only spars that remain whole that I left hence with last voyage is the main mast, mizen mast and cross jack yard and bowsprit have parted our lines from 6 whales brand fire new as John Filton are to say but day rotten about too weak a go got fast to a big fat whale west too strong was not fast five minute before we parted