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[[pencil]] 24 [[/pencil]] Monday, June 25th 1860

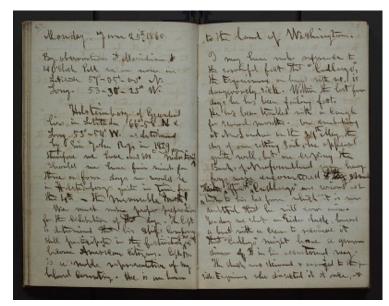
By observations at Meridian 4 o'clock PM we are now in Latitude 57°-05'-00" N. Long. 53 -30'-25" W.

Holsteinborg of Greenland lies in Latitude 66°- 58' N. & Long. 53°-54' W. as determined by Sir John Ross in 1829 therefore we have about 600 miles to sail [[insertion]] to reach them. [[/insertion]] Should we have fair winds for three or four days we would be in Holsteinborg quite in time for the 4th - the Memorable Fourth!

We must make proper preparations for the celebration of that day. The Capt is determined that his ship's company shall participate in the festivities [[insertion]] of that day [[/insertion]] & become American Citizens. Capt. B. is a noble representative of my beloved country. He is an honor [[end page]]

[[start page]] [[pencil 25 [[/pencil]] to the land of Washington.

I may have made reference to the sorrowful fact that "Cudlargo," the Esquimaux on board with us is dangerously sick. Within the last few days days he has been failing fast. He has been troubled with a cough for several months. On embarking at New London on the 29th May, the day of our setting sail, he appeared quite well, but on crossing the Beach of Newfoundland very heavy fogs were encountered [[strikethrough]] [[and they seemed ?]] [[/istrikethrough]] [[insertion]] their [[/insertion]] soon [[/insertion]] took to his bed from which is now doubtful that he will ever arise. To-day we shot an Eider duck, lowered a boat with a crew to retrieve it that "Cudlargo" might have a generous dinner [[strikethrough]] of it [[/strikethrough]] in his accustomed way. The duck was skinned & carried to the poor sick Esquimaux who dissected it at once. -



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