

standing to and fro, with a very strong weather current. At 1 P. M., the boat returned, having found no place where the ship could anchor with safety; made sail on the ship—stood in for the shore. We soon saw, from our mast head, a passage in between the sand bars. At half-past 3, bore away, and run in northeast by east, having from four to eight fathoms, sandy bottom; and, as we drew in nearer between the bars, had from ten to thirteen fathoms, having a very strong tide of ebb to stem. Many canoes came alongside. At 5 P. M., came to in five fathoms water, sandy bottom, in a safe harbor, well sheltered from the sea by long sand bars and spits. Our latitude observed, this day, was $46^{\circ} 58'$ north.

May 10.—Fresh breezes, and pleasant weather; many natives along side; at noon, all the canoes left us. At 1 P. M., began to unmoor, took up the best bower anchor, and hove short on the small bower anchor. At half past 4, being high water, hove up the anchor, and came to sail and a beating down the harbor.

May 11.—At half-past 7, we were out clear of the bars, and directed our course to the southward, along shore. At 8 P. M., the entrance of Bulfinch's harbor bore north, distance four miles, the southern extremity of the land bore south-southeast half east, and the northern north-northwest—sent up the maintop gallant-yard and set all sail. At 4 A. M., saw the entrance of our desired port bearing east-southeast, distance six leagues; in steering sails, and hauled our wind in shore. At 8 A. M., being a little to windward of the entrance of the harbor, bore away, and run in east-northeast, between the breakers, having from five to seven fathoms of water. When we were over the bar, we found this to be a large river of fresh water, up which we steered. Many canoes came along side. At 1 P. M., came to with the small bower, in ten fathoms, black and white sand; the entrance between the bars bore west-southwest, distant ten miles. The north side of the river, a half mile distant from the ship; the south side of the same two and a half miles distance; a village on the north side of the river west by north, distant three quarters of a mile. Vast numbers of natives came along side—people employed in pumping the salt water out of our water casks, in order to fill with fresh, while the ship floated in. So ends.

May 12.—Many natives along side; noon, fresh wind; let go the best bower anchor and veered out on both cables. Sent down the maintop-gallant-yard, filled up all the water casks in the hold. The latter part, heavy gales, and rainy, dirty weather.

May 13.—Fresh winds, and rainy weather, many natives along side. Hove up the best bower anchor. Seamen and tradesmen at their various departments.

May 14.—Fresh gales and cloudy; many natives along side; at noon, weighed and came to sail, standing up the river northeast by east; we found the channel very narrow. At 4 P. M., we had sailed upwards of twelve or fifteen miles, when the channel was so very narrow that it was almost impossible to keep in it, having from three to eighteen fathoms water, sandy bottom; at half past four, the ship took ground; but she did not stay long before she came off, without any assistance. We backed her off, stern foremost, into three fathoms, and let go the small bower, and moored ship with kedge and hawser. The jolly boat was sent to sound the channel out, but found it not navigable any further up; so, of course, we must have taken the wrong channel. So ends, with rainy weather, many natives along side.