

2) 1815 to Falkland Islands (recounted tales of shipwrecked men they found there), Cape Horn, Peru, Galapagos Islands, Tumbes River (heard of peace between England and America), Payta, Cape Horn, Coast of Brazil (heard of 'Peace with all the World'), England, 1816.

It was on this voyage that Choyce witnessed a volcanic eruption on Albemarle, one of the Galapagos Islands, late in December 1815. He described the eruption as follows: 'After leaving Charls<sup>s</sup> Island We Cruiz'd among the Islands and on the 27th of Dec<sup>r</sup> the Island of Albemarl Baring East from us Six or Seven Leagues, and the South Head baring ESE and Narbio NE<sup>BN</sup> Between Five and Six Oclock in the Morning it being then calm We heard a rumbling noise like distant Thunder at the same time the Top of a Mountain – on the South part of Albemarl – fell in and a large body of Smoke and Fire ascended to a Prodigious hight at the same time a stream of Burning Lava Ishuing from the Crator and runing down towards the Sea Covering to all appearance a Mile of Ground in Breadth. In the afternoon having a breeze We stood in towards the Volcano and before Sunset perceiv'd another Volcano had broke out Two or Three miles from the former but not so large. After Dark it appear'd aufully grand and We Could then See its dimentions. The Face of the Mountain seem'd to be a Continual Body of Fire the streams of Burning Lava was runing several Miles and extended quite down to the Sea. . . .'

Choyce now improved his position on the whalers; on the last two voyages he sailed as Chief Mate and Master respectively. He was to experience the unruly behaviour of sailors much as his superiors had received from him twenty years before.

3) On the *Elizabeth Frances*, February 1818, as Chief Mate, bad storms in the North Sea, Yarmouth, Dover, Madeira, Cape Verde Islands, Falkland Islands, Cape Horn, Peru, Cape St Francisco (mention of the Patriots versus the Spanish during the Spanish-American Revolution), Galapagos Islands, Island of Juan Fernandez (Robinson Crusoe Island), Valparaiso, Cape Horn, England in 1820.

4) On the *Sarah Ann*, September 1820, as Master of the whaling ship, Cape Horn, Island of Juan Fernandez (tales of English, Americans and Spanish who plundered the ships and killed the sailors of any ships they managed to inveigle ashore), also murderers on Island of St Marys, Easter Island, scurvy, Peru, refused right to get provisions in Santa by orders of General San Martin, some sailors deserted to join the Patriots and make their fortune, most whalers off to Japan as whales were becoming scarcer off the coasts of South America, reached Bay of Concepcion in January 1823, where he met Duperrey who was setting off on his voyage of discovery; Choyce took back for him some despatches to the French Government; Cape Horn; reached England on 13 June 1823.