

Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Billings Burtch Master

Days from

Home Monday Dec 8

433

Commenced with moderate breezes from S. heading
to S.W. at 4 P.M. backed ship. heading up.
Last of P.M. wind hauled to N.E. Sailed Blackfish
& lowered.

Tuesday Dec 9th

434

West hole

Commenced with moderate breezes from N. heading S.E.
A.M. West hole.

Lat. 4. 30. 55.

Long. 4. 10. 15. 15

Wednesday Dec 10th

435

Commenced with a strong breeze from N.W. heading
S.E. A.M. wind from S. heading S.E.

Thursday Dec 11th

436

A.M. the Captain punished
the cooper for refusing duty

Commenced with light airs from S. heading S.E.
Cooper's employed at setting up. To the Shocks. A.M.
Squally, some Thunder & lightning.
Lat. 4. 30. 55.

Friday Dec 12th

437

Mutiny

The following is a list of those
who refused duty & were put
in irons

James Meglin

John Parsons

John Daily

Henry Hays

John Assop

Theodore Ell

Thomas Brown flogged &

George Abby released

Benjamin Parsons

Andrew Ginter

Jacobold Hays

Sydney Montrose

Marcellus Gentry

Manuel Antoina

Manuel Silva

Neyal Hicks

Antonia Lopez

Commenced with pleasant weather from S. heading
S.E. at 2 P.M. took a heavy squall from N.E. at
4 P.M. pleasant weather again, under all sail. After
breakfast A.M. I went forward to set the coopers mat
to work he was in the forecabin I called him up
he said he was sick, I reported him to the Captain.
The Captain told me to send the coopers mat to him
& he would give him some medicine. I went & called
the man again he told me that the Captain had got
no medicine that would cure him, I reported his answer
to the Captain. The Captain went immediately into
the forecabin to see him. The coopers mate gave him
some medicine, about his not having any
breakfast the Captain attempted to put the man out
of his berth at this time the whole harbour
interfered, it being their watch below the Captain de-
manded the cause, they alleged that for the past
two days they had not had enough to eat. The Captain
expatiated with them, & it appeared to be
settled the Captain then told he should flog the
coopers mate for disobeying his orders. They alleged
that it was not right to flog him as he refused
duty because he had not had enough to eat. The
Captain sent the man on deck & followed him & had him
put in the midship rigging. The Captain commenced to
flog him when the entire crew rushed aft in a body to
rescue him. The Captain stopped & demanded the cause
of this tumult. They said if that man was flogged
they would do no more work. Henry Hays
being more independent than the rest, the Captain told
him that if he was not cided he would put him in
irons. The man dared him to do so he was accordingly
put in irons & 16 others with him. The coopers mate
was flogged with 16 strokes of the lash on the back.
Thomas Brown & George Abby was also flogged &
sent to duty.

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Saturday Dec 13th

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The following are those who
remain in irons

James Meglin

John Parsons

John Daily

John Assop

Theodore Ell

Henry Hays

Commenced with squally weather. Considerable Thunder
with much rain at one P.M. double reefed the topsails.
15 men in irons & under deck. at 4 P.M. the prisoners
were brought on deck. by order of the Captain. he then
endeavored to point out to them their error & folly. he
also told them that he would give them one of
two choices, the choice was theirs, if they would
make up their mind between that time & 2.
o'clock the next day, to return to duty, then could
do so, if not he would keep them in irons & send
them on the first land. he saw 9 of them were
instantly released & returned to duty. the remaining
6 were rebound & put under hatches, at 10 A.M.
James Meglin, & John Daily, returned to duty.
all P.M. & part of A.M. heavy Thunder & lightning
with much rain. wind from S.

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Long. 4. 10. 15. 15

Sunday Dec 14

439

Commenced with pleasant weather from S. heading
S.E. with 4 men in irons in the run at one
P.M. gave them one cake of bread & one quart of
water apiece at this time John Parsons returned
to duty. John Assop, Henry Hays, & Theodore Ell
still continue in irons, P.M. continues squally,
A.M. pleasant.

Monday Dec 15th

Lat. 4. 30. 55.

Long. 4. 10. 15. 15

Commenced with pleasant weather from S. heading
S.E. at one P.M. after confessing his error was put
on duty. John Assop & Theodore Ell still remain
in irons at one P.M. gave each of them one quart
of water, & one cake of bread. A.M. pleasant.

Tuesday Dec 16th

440

Commenced with pleasant weather from S.
heading S.E. crew employed at ship's duty.
employed at setting up Shocks. John Assop
& Theodore Ell still remain in irons. A.M.
pleasant.

Wednesday Dec 17th

441

Commenced with pleasant weather employed
at setting Shocks, at 3 P.M. John Assop was
put on duty. Theodore Ell still remain in
irons. A.M. pleasant.

Lat. 4. 30. 55.

Long. 4. 10. 15. 15

Thursday Dec 18th

442

Commenced with pleasant breeze from S. heading
S.E. employed at setting up Shocks. A.M.
pleasant.

Lat. 4. 30. 55.

Long. 4. 10. 15. 15