2d. As I was to be at home today I thought it best to go to washing but before doing so, made half a dozen pumpkin pies, which were quite nice. Sent two boats up the lagoon today fishing will probably stop all night. I hope they may fall in with the Steward and bring him back again, Capt. Ashley Capt. Willis came on board in the forenoon and made us a call. Capt. Willis brought us a piece of fresh pork which was very nice. Capt. Chatfield and Capt. Jernegan passed the evening with us. About dusk I was on the house with Samuel and Mr Forsyth came and said there was a boat coming with the Steward in it — he could hardly get up the side, he reeled like a drunken man, he came and asked Samuel's forgiveness, told him that he would be the most faithful servant to him than any one ever had if he would only take him back. said that he had nothing to eat except a small piece of bread that he took with him and not a drop to drink, he had travelled constantly when he tried to come back he lost his way and was about laying down to die when he saw fires, he followed the smoke until he arrived to where a boat's crew were for the Levi Starbuck could just say "for God's sake give me a drop of water" and fell to the ground, in all human probability if he had not found those men as he did his bones would have been left there like many others who think to better themselves by leaving their ships. Capt Jernegan had three men to leave yesterday that have not yet been heard of. The Dromo and the Majestic left today.

3d. The Steward is very lame and sore today his feet and ancles are very much swollen and he looks as if he had seen hard times, he seems very humble and I can but hope that it will be a lesson to him. Went on board the Reindeer to pass the day had a very pleasant time as usual. how we shall miss these pleasant gatherings when we get to sea. It seems very much like home gatherings, only home friends are not with me.

4th. our boats came back last evening loaded with feathers sent them around a rather a supply of them to all the ships. I thought we would have the Captains here today that had no wives, with them. I would like to have invited

them all, but thought the Steward hardly able to attend to it — Capt. Chatfield went out this forenoon so that we only had two captains to dine with us, Capts. Jernegan and Lester. had a fish chowder a large stuffed and baked fish coffee bread and butter and preserves and a roll pudding, had some huckleberry pies made for supper but they did not stop — Capt Jernegan sent a boat in to look for his men they saw a flag put up and their names written in the sand about twelve miles from the beach, but nothing more of them. They found the skeleton of a man which they supposed to have died this season, his name was also written in the sand near him but they could not make it out — We are now painting the ship outside and in expect she will look equal to a clipper when she gets on her new dress.

5th. As it is Sunday we are not doing much — let some of the foremost hands take a boat after dinner and go ashore Capt. Jernegan came here in the morning he was going ashore to take one more look for his men, as he wants to go to sea he would have gone yesterday had it not been for them — in the evening Samuel went on board the Reindeer, also on board the Rambler

7th. Capt Jernegan and Capt Lester left today, Capt. J. did not succeed in finding his men. After dinner Samuel, Minnie and myself went on board the Reindeer stopped there about two hours, then went on board the Rambler to tea, Capt and Mrs Ashley went also and passed the evening

9th Capt. Willis came on board in the morning, he has decided to go to sea after dinner, he brought a man that he found secreted on board his ship after leaving the Islands, he wanted to get a passage to San Francisco and as we were going to stop here a day or two longer, and by that time the bark might make her appearance and he could get passage in her Samuel consented to take him, as he needed his services as boatsteerer, should he remain on board. The Victoria, Oahu, and Antilla came down from the lagoon today Capt Trask of the Victoria passed out, the other two anchored. The Reindeer and Rambler left this P.M. Capt. Fickler of the Oahu passed the afternoon with us.

10th. Samuel went on board the Oahu also on board the Antilla today Capt. Molder of the Antilla is quite feeble, has a bad cough.