

Ship Com. Morris of New Bedford

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Lost by desertion Carpenter Henry Davis, Samuel Prager, Henry Ferland, Cook and Nathan Ellis. Deserted and arrested Steward and Muller the Steward was 7 days from the ship without liberty when arrested by the Capt. put into the lockup kept there three days and taken on board by the U.S. Consul.

Muller was three days from the ship without leave when arrested and put into the lockup kept there 1 day and two nights and taken on board by the U.S. Consul. Found on getting out to sea that we had eight men stowed away on board all Portuguese. Sick with the general hand off duty. Surgeon Turner and David Edward Eastward. H. Winslow sick below with a bad cold.

At 12 noon Capt. came on board and then kept ship off for Peseiro with fine weather all night the same.

Cruising In The North Atlantic

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Took 2 sperm whales and 1 M. 1 stand by