

Thursday March 6th 1873

All day rainy weather with the winds from S.E. the same as the last three days - no change - rain, rain, rain. At 10 a.m. the boat with Mr. Winslow bringing Mr. Besse (in irons) arrived at the town and I immediately proceeded with him to the consulate. All day yesterday after my leaving the ship Mr. Besse was wild striving to catch Mary alone and she and her mother striving to avoid him. But about 9 in the evening and while some of the officers from the *Discorderoga* were on board and about taking their leave and Mr. happening to be left alone for a moment in the house on deck Mr. Besse made a rush past three or four officers of the ship passed Mr. Winslow & Foster and Mrs. Berden and rushing into the house seized her by force around the waist and made an attempt to bite her throat, and was only prevented from doing so by three or four powerful men taking him by the hair of the head and by his arms requiring their utmost strength to wrest him from her. It was evident to all around that he intended her some bodily harm. He was then taken by force and put into a boat and taken on board of the *Discorderoga* for safe keeping where he was put in irons, and sent up town this morning through his and Mr. Seidsepp's request the irons were taken off him about 1 o'clock P.M. - Have advanced Mr. Besse 4 sovereigns of \$4.84 each and have paid U.S. Consul \$60 Gold extra wages on his account. Mr. Besse goes by steamer tomorrow to Rio and from there is to be sent home by U.S. Consul. - Throughout I have tried to do my whole duty by Mr. Besse and have nothing but the kindest of wishes towards him. He has caused me many sleepless nights and much anxiety and trouble, for all I freely forgive him, as I hope God may forgive me.

Friday March 7th 1873

All this day light drizzling rain with the winds from S.E. as usual nothing of note occurring today. crew employed in getting of water &c went with my family to the island of St. Leger, and spent the P.M. with the Commandante & family, enjoyed ourselves well. invited the Commandante & family on board tomorrow to dinner - making preparations for sea - expect to go out tomorrow.

Have sold 20 bbls of Flour of Bank Parisian to pay expenses at this port at about \$5.64 per bbl. sold this to Mr. W. Comsett and he is expected down today to take it. he takes it from alongside & pays all charges of Custom House &c.

At 6 P.M. Mr. W. Comsett came alongside for the flour but as he brings empty bbls to put it in must wait until morning for it to be packed.

Saturday March 8th 1873

All this day light winds from the S. with some rain - Mr. Comsett with 20 bbls Flour left this morning at 8 o'clock in an open boat for the city senado. I went on shore & settled bills for produce and made some purchases of fowls potatoes &c. - at 1 P.M. the Commandante & wife came on board - remained about two hours and then returned on shore. we then took our anchor and got under weigh & stood down the Bay - at sundown abreast the north end of the island standing out to sea - stowed anchors & chains - nothing more in sight.

Sunday March 9th 1873

In the a.m. light winds from the S. ship steering to the E. land in sight to the W. In the P.M. calm nothing in sight.