

Ship *Cornelia* of *New Bedford* of *Connecticut* Island

Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1849

First part of these 24 hours squally. Last part fine weather. Tack and tack wind South & P.M. Making scrubboons. At work on the whaling apparatuses then near the Island of Aldabra in order to go a shore for a stick of timber but as squally rain struck us when we on the point of starting and blew us far from the Island. At 11 P.M. broke out for fly jib and gaff topsail and bent them. Visited the Island of Aldabra about eleven o'clock.

Friday July 20<sup>th</sup> 49

These 24 hours fresh breezes and clear smooth breezes calm and cloudy. Wind S.E.

P.M. The starboard cat head blacked the anchors. At 4 o'clock lowered the starboard boat and the Captain and mate with a boat's crew went a shore on the Island of Aldabra to get a stick to make a new dam and splice the cathead they cut a stick but could not carry it to the shore so came of without it. They arrived to the ship at half past 6 o'clock. At 11 at half past 8 o'clock lowered the starboard boat and the Captain and mate with a boat's crew also the third mate with 5 axes one hatchet and a wood saw there dunn 2 boat cags of water etc started for the shore on the West side of the Island of Aldabra they had not proceeded far when they saw tortoise and return for a lance and entry boat hook etc for catching them the ship then stood off from land and the boat soon made sail and started to the starboard part of the Is. Each man having

*Cornelia* of *New Bedford* Lying off the Is. of Aldabra

Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> 1849

These 24 hours fresh gales and clear weather. Wind S.S.W. Laying off and on. P.M. The boat came off at 5 o'clock and brought off a stick of wood to make a dam they had cut 2 boat loads of wood and left it on shore. At 11 the starboard cathead came off and we had to lengthening out the guys with leaces of rigging and fasten them to staples on the bow and set them up broke out for beef and pork at 8 o'clock the starboard boat went on shore with the Captain mate and the third mate and a boat's crew with 5 axes one packet with saw also the dinner.

Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 49

These 24 hours fresh gales and rain squally. Course S.E. by E. Wind S.E. P.M. the boat came on board at 5 o'clock having cut 2 boat loads of wood and started to leave the island off Aldabra. At 11 the Sabbath

Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 49

First part of these 24 hours fresh gales and rain squally. Last part fresh gales and clear. P.M. the Sabbath saw finbacks. At 11 Repairing the starboard boat and making a new davit for the starboard boat. Broke out for flour flour.