

Ship Courier Towards Tahiti

Tuesday March 1st 1842 Commenced with a brisk trade steering S.W. at 6 P.M. kept off West took in the Fore & Main T. Sails wind at East middle part rain showers of rain at daylight halted up S.W. made all Sail at 10 halted up S.W. so ends with a moderate trade Lat by Obs. 14.09 Long by Obs. 148.04

Wednesday March 2nd 1842 Commenced with a moderate trade at East steering S.W. at 6 P.M. took in the T. S. Sails halted up the Courses at 7 veered Ship & let the Main Top Sail lay to the Mast at 2 A.M. veered Ship let the Main Top Sail lay to the Mast until day light then braced fully & made all Sail at sunrise saw Lazareff Isle bearing S by W about 10 miles Dist passed passed along to the Eastward of it within 2 or 3 miles saw a Ship in the lee of it so ends with a very light air Lat by Obs. 14.56 Long by Obs. 148.26 by Obs. 148.26

Thursday March 3rd 1842 All these 24 hours light air & calms standing to the South latter part sent down the Main Top Gallant Mast to fitt the Riggings so ends one Ship in sight to the North.
Lat by Obs. 15.15 Long by Obs. 148.39

Friday March 4th 1842 Commenced with light air & calms employed sending up the Main Top Gallant Mast and Sand rigging up the Riggings at 5 P.M. set the M.T. S. L. middle part a moderate breeze at North steering South latter part light & hailing with showers of rain the above mentioned Ship still in sight so ends.
Lat by Obs. 16.02 South Long by Obs. 148.44

Saturday March 5th 1842 Commenced with a light breeze at N.W. steering S.W. at 6 P.M. took in the T. S. S. put 2 reefs in the Top Sails squally rainy weather with thunder & lightning at 10 luffed to the wind to the N.E. water from the N.W. at 2 A.M. veered Ship returned S.W. made all Sail at daylight saw Tahiti a head about 3 miles Dist latter part running down to the harbor employed bending the Chances & getting the Anchors ready so ends

Sunday March 6th 1842 Commenced with a moderate trade at 4 P.M. luffed too and took the Pilot then filled away and stood in for Town our passage ran down inside of the reef about half past 6 P.M. came too in. Jopehiti gave the Ship about 60 fathoms of Chain furlied the Sails striddle part calm latter part employed getting our water cask on shoar & getting ready to break out to Chooper so ends

From the 6th of March until the 28th employed coopersing & painting & caulking Ship and getting ready for sea discharged 5 men & deserted shipped 5 and took one off the Concl's hands from the 28th until 30th waiting for a wind to go to sea &c &c.

Wednesday March 30th 1842 Commenced with a light sea breeze middle part a light air off the land at 5 A.M. made all Sail about 6 A.M. the Pilot came off finade a signal for the boats took our anchor put the boats a head about 8 discharged the pilot and the other Ships boats stood to the N.E. with a moderate breeze from the S.W. latter part employed stowing our anchors & clearing the decks

List of Ships at Tahiti during our stay

Ship	From	Months	Days
Bark Franklin	New Bedford	31 months	7300
Ship Omega	Nantucket	10 "	750 "
" London Packet	New Bedford	27 "	1550 "
" Milo	"	38 "	2700 "
" Atlantic	Nantucket	34 "	1200 "
" Ohio	"	3 "	200 "
" Columbus	Edgartown	33 1/2 "	1100 "
" Homer	Fairhaven	28 "	1900 "
" Erie	Nantucket	15 "	500 "
" Lee Coffin	Nantucket	18 "	900 "
" Nocturne	New Bedford	7 "	600 "
" Francis	Providence	27 1/2 "	1950 "
" Bowditch	Nantucket	3 "	1000 "
" Young Eagle	Nantucket	19 "	1450 "
" Ships off the harbor	New Bedford	35 "	1800 "
" Cornelia	"	20 "	400 & 500
" Hercules	"	20 "	400 & 500
" Mount Vernon	"	15 "	1900 & 2000
" Chariot	Nantucket	"	"