

Ship *Cyprus* at Rio de Janeiro Paul West master 1804

Thursday 25 October Moderate. Breezy winds and Hazy dirty weather all of this day People employ'd on board at getting things to place and at preparing every necessary measure for Sea. At 8 this morning I went on shore, got fresh Beef &c. and sent it on board with orders to return at sunset. accordingly the boat returned, with the crew J. Morris, R. Welford, Wm Turnbull, Jos. Pittman, Gustaff Thustrom, & Wm Thomas in her. At about 1/2 past seven all of the crew except one to take care of the boat, went up from the boat, at which time there came a parcel of Williams that spoke English and told the boat keeper that I was just up at the Interpreter's and had something to take down and wanted him immediately so without thought, he jumped out of the boat and run up to the interpreter's and not finding me there return'd to the place where the boat lay but the scoundrels that ordered him up had taken the boat and pulled away off with her at 8 in the Evening I having got through with my business, came down for the boat but she was stolen away so hired a portuguese boat and took the people on board

Friday 26 October Commences light winds and rainy weather. Made two boats and set out round the Bay and searched every place where it appeared possible for to find our lost boat. but without finding any information of her. likewise used every means at Rio to find something of her but impossible at present. the wind blowing very strong at South all the Middle part. Supply'd the Ship with Beef & Vegetables carried on shore the Hoghead which contained 95 Portuguese Gallons to have its measure, and found it to contain 95 Gallons Portuguese Measure, which is 50 percent less than English measure Offered a handsome reward to any person that would return the boat but could not hear anything of her

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Saturday 27 October Good weather with winds Southwesterly with much Rain. Dispatched one boat again off after the lost boat. but could not find anything of her. Myself on shore using every means to find something of the boat but without success supply'd the Ship with Beef & Vegetables having still Captain the Officers and soldiers on board. the wind and weather not permitting me to sail at present Employ'd on board at putting everything in order for Sea

Sunday 28 October this morning light variable winds and dirty weather got ready for to sail, but the wind sitting in again at South with dirty wet weather oblig'd me to keep still and try to find my boat, after searching all day came on board at night without getting the least intelligence of her. No duty done on board to day supply'd with Beef &c. as usual

Monday 29 October Commences light variable winds and heavy clouds. At 6 this morning the Patimore came on board got underway and tryed to get out, but in vain, as came off and the patimore went on shore the weather appearing for a breeze to go out. so as there is not the least to be heard of my lost boat, I have taken a boat of Capt. Hugh Williams at 12 Guineas and gave him bills on Messrs J. & J. Mathers, London to be paid at thirty days after sight. took the boat on board made every necessary preparation for getting clear of this Place, scaled the Guns, all round, and put the Muskets in ample order &c. &c. as necessary