

## Bark Daniel Webster In the North

Saturday Dec. 15th

In the morning ship lying a back off the N. point, the weather somewhat showery, with light showers passing over the island, otherwise fine weather. At daylight braced full and stood in toward the harbor and getting anchors off the baws and the cables up and bent, and making other preparations for entering port. At 9 let go anchor in the Bar of Prince Rupert off Picard's estate in 6 fathoms of water, (gravelly bottom) with starboard anchor, for the purpose of obtaining water. Hauled the sails, took a raft of 17 casks on shore and filled them with water and took them on board again. Mr. Miller Calender came on board before anchoring & we agree to go on shore with him in the P. M. Accordingly I went on shore with my family Mrs. B. and Bertha.

Sunday Dec. 16th

All day fine weather, with an occasional rain squall passing over the island of Dominica. On shore with family at the Calenders enjoying the sabbath by reading in prayer & a sermon & with the Calender family. The P. M. Mr. Marquand & Mr. Pope came on shore to dinner and remained at dinner. The remainder of the day on board enjoying the sabbath.

Monday Dec. 17th

Comes in with fine weather, in general, but a few showers passing over the island. All hands employed in getting off water and stowing it in the holds. Came on board in P. M. with my family.

Tuesday Dec. 18th

Fine weather all day. All hands employed in getting off water & stowing it. Rice one of the Foremast hands took the opportunity of deserting while employed on shore filling water. He made an excuse to go into the bush for a minute, while at work, and that was the last that was seen of him. He had meditated desertion as all his clothing had been disposed of. Nothing being found in his chest on search immediately after he was suspected of deserting. He had some time previously stated to Reeder that he intended to leave the ship at Dominica, at about 9 A.M. he stepped into the bush. Nothing had been heard of him since.

## Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1878

Wednesday Dec. 19th

Comes in with fine weather with some slight showers of rain passing over the island. All hands employed in getting off water and filling in the lower hold. Finished in the P. M. having taken on board at this place 750 bbls. which gives us now a supply of rising 800 bbls. all told. The Calender family came on board and took dinner with us today. We have also done some trading while here in procuring Bananas, Oranges, Limes, Lemons, Coconuts &c for which we trade Beef & Pork. Have heard nothing from Rice. Have made enquiries concerning him. To night about Mr. Pope Mr. Williams Mr. Wynne, Stetson Reeder & Juail, (the three latter boatsteers) and the steward went on shore with the Calenders, and remained until 11 1/2.

Thursday Dec. 20th

All day fine weather, employed in getting on board Sugar Syrup & Molasses &c from the "Sugar Shop Estate" P. R. Calenders, and doing other work about ship. In the P. M. Blacksmith came on board having been employed at the S. L. Estate in making horse shoes & doing other small jobs. Mr. Calender paying him for his work. Settled up with the Calenders and at sunset got underweigh. Stood to the N.W. - nothing having been heard from Rice since he left his work in filling water on Tuesday last.

Friday Dec. 21st

All day becalmed under the lee of Guadeloupe just at night took a strong breeze from N.E. - steering N.W. by W. Guadeloupe the Sintes & Manserat in sight.

Saturday Dec. 22nd

All day strong N.E. trader. Ship by the wind working up for the South West Passage but with strong breezes and strong currents make but little progress. Think that tomorrow we may keep off for the Virgin Passage - we fear that the currents have set us off no land is in sight. We expected to see St. Eustatius & Saba and perhaps St. Kitts. but none of them is to be seen.