

Journal of December Continued

Thursday 9th (1869)

Ship made four hours commences with good breeze from S.E. the fore part steering N.E. & V. West. At half past five I raised the anchor at San Lorenzo. The water 10 fathoms. Middle part moderate. At nine left for the sound & landed at 9 on arrival daylight. Upon right pier off shore for the port of St. Helena. Set the anchor in ten fathoms water. At nine the lighted the sails gave her 35 fathoms cable washed the cut side of the ship. So under weather fine.

Friday 10th

This day sea account began with fine weather. Employed in breaking out shooks. Washed out deck seven casks of oil. Through the night weather fine. At daylight went to work on casks of oil. Scarping had a cooper from shore. Day ends with fine weather. Had several variations on other ships.

Saturday 11th

To day weather fine work on oil. Had a cooper from shore, carried in a launch & put on board the old hulk John A Robt. fifteen casks of oil. Through the night weather good. To day employed in cooping oil & setting up shooks. Stowed 13 casks of oil. Numbered & the ship's name branded on the head.

Left on board John A Robt. On Thursday 10th 1869. On Friday 11th 1869. On Saturday 12th 1869. On Sunday 13th 1869. On Monday 14th 1869. On Tuesday 15th 1869. On Wednesday 16th 1869. On Thursday 17th 1869. On Friday 18th 1869. On Saturday 19th 1869. On Sunday 20th 1869. On Monday 21th 1869. On Tuesday 22th 1869. On Wednesday 23th 1869. On Thursday 24th 1869. On Friday 25th 1869. On Saturday 26th 1869. On Sunday 27th 1869. On Monday 28th 1869. On Tuesday 29th 1869. On Wednesday 30th 1869.

Laying to anchor on St. Helena

Sunday 12th (1869) This morning four hours commences with good weather & fine breeze that morning sent the Starboard watch ashore on St. Helena. So ends this day breaking out oil on board in John A Robt.

Monday 13th This two hours commences with very fine breeze & good weather. Carried eleven casks of oil on board the John A Robt. Middle part weather good. So ends the same.

Tuesday 14th This twenty four hours good weather. Employed the light for one hour got off three casks cooped. Set up four casks. At first I saw while showing a cask the hook turned in the shop and the cask came down by the run. Starting in the head of another was shelling all the oil in the cask the gauge being 1308. Middle part good weather. So ends. Employed in cooping & ship duty.

Wednesday 15th This day good weather. Employed in cooping up oil in the John A Robt. lower hold & setting up shooks & work on rigging. Stowed two casks for water. Middle part weather good. So ends. Also Soater part employed in cooping up the oil from the hold of the John A Robt. finished Starboard watch ashore on St. Helena. So ends.

Left in John A Robt 25-5-4 S.H. HB 1868. Sperm