

Journal on board

N.A.C. 11 September 1870

Wednesday Sept 7th

Made sail at three in the morning it was rather thick until nine o'clock then we saw land ahead and at ten sent a boat ashore and I was one of the crew before they chose a crew of Kanakas but they all got drunk and this time it was my good luck to get ashore and, although I did not fall in love with the place yet I would like very well to have liberty there. we came out board got a man - Chas. Anthony - and took him ashore to discharge on account of sickness. when we were picking the Copts on board in passing some rocks he told us to row in as he wanted to get one or two men as we neared the shore they were seen running from every direction but we picked out three took them on board and then we were gone.

Thursday Sept 8th

A good breeze and all sail set. and we soon left Fayal far behind, course S.E.

Friday Sept. 9

Fine, one sail in sight was busy putting things to rights making baskets for mission etc

Saturday Sept 10

Very warm and pleasant and no work going on. in the evening we gannetted the schooner Calanor E. Cornwall of Provincetown Copt. Cannon came on board she was nine months out with 70 bbls. sperm

Sunday Sept 11

A equally morning. as it is about half of the time here. but it was pleasant before noon. begin to like quite well considering

Monday Sept. 12

Pleasant. one sail in sight a merchant vessel. painted the anchors, lubber etc

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Tuesday Sept. 13

Dull enough and still enough to satisfy any, and no one could growl about work for there is none. that suits me to kill

Wednesday Sept 14

Another day I suppose but it was so much like yesterday that if it was not for our fuel of rice today. I should doubt it. Canany is in sight and one sail. a good breeze also

Thursday Sept. 15

Pleasant nothing in sight nothing done

Friday Sept 16th

Had a good breeze we are now in the N.E. trades. this afternoon we lowered for blackfish and got one his bladder made probably 2 bbls of oil and of his meat we can make many meals

Saturday Sept 17

A strong breeze and we must be making quite a number of leagues to the South for the last time or four days out I can't tell or find out how much. nothing in sight

Sunday Sept 18th

Pleasant with a good breeze from N.E. course S.W. by W. and going "up out"

Monday Sept. 19th

The same course and the same weather in fact it was or seemed to be the same day

Tuesday Sept 20

Was busy during the day setting up main rigging and amused ourselves at night by pulling over clothes off and letting others throw water on us. it is very warm here now

Wednesday Sept 21

Good warm weather was at work on the fore rigging battens down S.W. by W. course and a good ramfines breeze