

Journal on board At Port March 1872

Tuesday Mar. 26

This morning we were close to land but heading away from it more ship and set everything but the wind was light and at three P.M. we were becalmed about three miles from the entrance of the bay. we lowered four boats and towed until seven then dropped anchor and turned in.

Wednesday Mar. 27

Thick fog this morning but we made sail and got up to the anchorage at about eleven o'clock. then for letters but for me there was none.

the starboard watch ashore at night.

Thursday Mar. 28

Good weather but nothing to do.

Today my letters arrived and after reading them I was in very good spirits. there is nothing to cheer me up when far away from home - I will not say friends for if one has no friends it is usually his own fault - like good news from home. The whalers in this port now are as follows - of N. Balford: John Carver Kossean, Mary & Susan and Black Eagle. Of Furber: R. L. Barstow.

Friday Mar. 29

Good weather but my still here in the harbor. it is what the Chilanes call 'Jumana Santa' the day of lent and when that is over the Devil festus or somebody else is burned. ships are compelled to hoist their colors at half-mast.

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Saturday Mar. 30th

Glen and Marcella arrived today.

Sunday Mar. 31st

Starboard watch had liberty but I did not go anywhere or enjoy myself very much.

April 1872

Monday Apr. 1st

Painting.

Tuesday Apr. 2nd

Painting all day today and at night - the starboard watch went on shore but shore without money however small the amount is. nothing great.

Wednesday 3rd

Finished painting and after that took a few things on shore such as fluke chains, blubber-hooks &c to be mended and that completed our day's labor.

Thursday Apr. 4th

Nothing done except a little painting and then got up tackle for breaking out oil on the morrow and in order to have the crew in good trim we were all kept on board ship.

Friday April 5th

Was hoisting out oil all day and with only six men on deck some of them ten bbl. casks moved slowly. sent about 200 bbls. on board B. Glen to go home.

Saturday Apr. 6th

Sent our last oil off this morning and after washing off decks our day's work was pronounced complete and a watch allowed to go on shore at night. sent a little more than 300 bbls. on board Glen.