

Journal on board

In Port 11 April 1872

Sunday Apr 7th

The starboard watch ashore on liberty and we on board ship had a very good time of it. the first part of the day was spent in sleep. the remainder in smoking, yawning, looking across the harbor &c etc etc

Monday Apr 8th

Stowing casks all day for water and other provision and at night the starboard watch went ashore on liberty

Tuesday Apr 9th

Setting up shooks

Wednesday Apr 10th

Work is done or nearly so for the present I believe. for work and liberty does not go well together for one day liberty means two days of duty with some people

Thursday Apr 11

Liberty & Watch

Friday Apr 12

This lying around on deck is or seems to be worse than work. we don't feel so well during the day or sleep as well at night. it is hard enough to be idle all the time

Saturday Apr 13th

A real Norther. a good one. we took some ballast and the remainder of the day we were stowing casks. this afternoon the Rainbow arrived here. in this port, no watch ashore at night

Bark Alfred Gibbs

In Port April 1872

Sunday Apr 14th

Very pleasant. but no one was allowed to go on shore until night when the port watch had their last liberty

Monday Apr 15

A north wind early in the morning the Bk Mars arrived and soon after the Morning Star came in. and some time in the evening the Courier arrived

Tuesday Apr 16th

Pleasant weather. nothing done except a little wood and water put on board. and at night the starboard watch went on shore

Wednesday Apr 17th

Took water, wood, potatoes, flour and in fact all of our provision, and as far as I know we are ready for sea

Thursday Apr 18

A strong breeze from the North so strong that no boat could come off to us. no work and no shore this day

Friday Apr 19th

Rainy and cold. but we had nothing to do but keep comfortable as we could and below in a dry warm bunk we managed very well it would be a nice thing if we could always get in our bunks in such weather instead of mounting up aloft to handle wet cold sail. but we don't expect to get along without some troubles