

Journal on board

On Port April 1873

Thursday Apr 17th
Port watch on liberty, the watch
on duty bending sail and get-
ting ready to leave the place

Friday Apr 18th
Bending sails, all hands

Saturday Apr 19th
All ready to sail as far
as I can find out. and the
sooner the better, for according
to all accounts there is an
abundance of small pox on shore

Sunday Apr 20th
A run on shore for the star-
board watch without money
but luckily for me I had enough
to bring me on board ship and
I used for the purpose, at noon
while on shore this morning
a crowd of us were walking along
the street when we saw some
women priests and such coming
well guarded by soldiers. It
is the custom of the country
as in most Catholic places I sup-
pose to take off your hat and
kneel down but this was too
much for me so I said to a
chap. by the name of Pinton -
lets walk the other way. we
turned and had not got far
before four soldiers came with
swords drawn telling us what
to do. we took our hats off
and while he was trying to
make us kneel the gang
passed.

Bark Alfred Gibbs

S.P.O.

April 1873

Monday Apr 21st
All things are ready and to-
morrow is the day appointed
for the Alfred Gibbs to sail but
it is a matter of doubt.

Tuesday Apr 22
"The wedding day appointed was
And the wedding things provided
But we made that get my wife
She sickened and she died"

Brown's communication
Wednesday Apr 23rd
Yesterday we had a fair wind
to sail but it was wait, wait, and
now we have a strong North
wind fair after we get out. but
we are underway. with three
passengers, and the will be
constantly in hot water particu-
larly

Thursday Apr 24
Calmer, jammed the Mary
Susans at night we had a light
breeze and set fore and main
royal but before eleven they came
in

Friday Apr 25th
A good breeze from the N.
and we are making pretty
good time. had some rain du-
ring the day. but who cares
for rain when we can head S.W. & W.

Saturday June 26
A. N. W. wind in the morn-
ing but it is hauls to
the S & W. and will soon
be ahead I suppose
Lat. 38° 37' min Don 5° 8' min