

Remarks on board Ship Hibernia of New Bedford North

Monday August 8th Commences with light airs and calms steering to the Northward and Westward saw three vessels laying off and on at Fayal saw grampuses and Porpoises middle cabin latter part foggy with light rain squalls at 7 P.M. raised Blackfish toward the boats but did not get past also chased Grampuses saw two sails standing toward Fayal one a ship the other a Brig

Tuesday August 9th Pleasant with light airs from the N.E. ship heading to the S.W. watches engaged in breaking out for ships for the morning that we got at the Island of Pico middle part thick with a fine breeze latter part squally with a strong breeze from the N.E. steering different courses were caught reefs topsails and courses saw a merchant ship steering in towards Fayal watches engaged in making sunset

Wednesday August 10th Commences with thick weather and a strong breeze from the N.E. ship heading to the N.W. the Island of Flores in sight distant about 25 miles bearing N.W. at 1 P.M. made all sail and steered N.W. saw grampuses middle part squally with a fine breeze from the N.E. steering N.W. by S. and all sail at 5 P.M. shortened sail and we ship and headed to the Southward saw gun at 1 P.M. were round and steered to the N.W. After breakfast George one of the Portuguese who agreed to work his passage to the Cape de Verde Islands came aft and told the Capt that his time was out it was an agreement between the Agent and Capt of the Ship Hibernia to take these three men to the Islands and that they was to work and the other men did and there was no particular time appointed to land them till such time

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as the Capt see fit and then he would land them at the Cape Verde Islands but George said that the agreement was to land them by the last of July or the first of August so they refused to do any more duty till the Capt pointed the ship towards their home after 12 past 1 P.M. the Capt told me to call them up George, John and William all three Portuguese but they told me that they was not coming on deck any more so the Capt then went to the forecabin and told them that he would give them till 15 minutes to come on deck it was then 14 to 3 P.M.

at 8 the Capt told me to call them up went and called them they refused to come on deck or do any more duty the Capt then told me to put them in Irons they said that they would not be put in Irons by any body that they would die first I told the Capt this the Capt then ordered me to take all the catals out of the forecabin I done so also took all the vinegar and molasses on deck then called all the men up but these three the Capt then told me to wait till the forecabin up I went forward and told them to go below they said they would not go down there I then told them that they would have to go in Irons Williams said that no man should put any Irons on him so I told the Capt that they would not go below he then told me to put them in Irons I went forward with the Irons but Williams said no man should put Irons on him he would die first at 10 minutes past 11 P.M. I took the Log Book up on deck and called all hands aft and read the particulars over to them the Capt then told us that he was a going to call them men aft one at a time and if they did not come he would put a ball through him George came aft and I put Irons on him the others were to follow. Set 8h 50 1/2