

Laying in Margarita Bay getting wood April 1st 1856.
Tuesday April 1st Pleasant engaged in cutting and getting off wood.
Middle part pleasant at 12 past 1 P.M. Mr. Field's fourth
Officer was walking the deck and he saw three men come
aft on the Starboard side of the deck as far as the main
hatches and he heard another one forward of the tryworks
he then walked aft and sang out to them in this
manner what do you want there they then went
forward and he Mr. Field's came down and told the
Captain the Captain then put some powder in his
gun and fired it off and that seemed to frighten
them so they all went below again it appears
that Mr. Field's has heard since that eight men
had calculated to take a boat by fair means
or foul and that three out of the eight was to
come down into the cabin but for what purpose
he could not tell and at the time the gun was
fired off when he sang out to them they had all their
clothes packed up and on deck forward of the tryworks
and that they all had knives and one of them
had a knife and a Boat hatchet and the
ring leaders names are Edward Malone he had a
knife and a hatchet and George Hamilton
had a knife and William Scott had a knife
and Fitch had a knife it appears that
they had meant to take a Boat the night
before and two of the Boat Steers was to go with
them but something turned up that they did not go that
night so the Boat Steers backed out so they put it
off till this time when they got foiled this is
as Mr. Field's told it to me it is from his
own mouth latter part got off four Boat loads
of wood and hove up the anchor with some hard
looks from the crew and some words between
Mr. Field's and Mr. Scott but I could not
tell what it was then made sail and stood
out of the Bay and stowed the Anchors and chains

Wednesday April 2nd Pleasant all hands engaged in lashing the anchors
and washing off decks at 4 A.M. Mr. Field's was told to
look out for himself for the men was a going to rush on
him so he came down and told the Captain latter part
pleasant called the Hamilton Scott Malone Fitch
Bills aft and put them in Irons and put
them down in the run and put away for the Islands.

Thursday April 3rd Pleasant all sail set course S.W. nothing seen
had the Prisoners up out of the run and gave
them what Bread and water they wanted to eat
latter part pleasant at 3 P.M. had the prisoners on deck
and found that they had broken open a box of Meats
and they opened three cans with their teeth they also
broke into the Pickels and got out two bottles and they
eat up the most of the Pickels and made way with the vinegar
then put the Irons on the two that the Captain had
taken them off of last night because they were so small
then put them down in the run again.

Friday April 4th Pleasant with all sail set nothing seen latter
part pleasant had the men on deck about half an hour
and gave them their Bread and Water all sail set

Saturday April 5th Pleasant with a fine breeze course W.S.W. all sail
set latter part pleasant had the Prisoners on deck about
half an hour and gave them their breakfast then put
them below again and called Mr. Scott on deck and
the Capt asked him what he knew about this
affair and if he would tell what he knew and
tell the truth he would take the Irons off as
his wrists were sore but all he said was that they
meant to take a boat and run away and as for
being an informer he be damned if he would if
he was nailed to the mast then put him below
and called up Hamilton and asked him the
same questions and he said that they intended to take
a Boat and there was nine of them a going in her
and that they intended to take the Man that had
the watch on deck no matter who it was and
smother him with a Blanket if they could