

August 23rd 1853

Fine westerly breeze and pleasant. This morning took our potatoes and onions also an additional supply of fruit and shipped a box. Three of our number though doing ship duty are in fact only passengers to be left at the Cape Verde islands when we arrive there. So besides this we shall doubtless have to ship others to make the full complement when they leave. Got underweigh at 5 P.M. and in company with the Sally and stood away.

August 24th

These 24 hours fair and light winds. At 5 P.M. the Sally Ann ran down and we had a gam. Spent on board and passed a pleasant evening. Lat - Lon.

August 25th

On wind and weather no change. Made the island of Pico at 6 A.M. and soon after hazal bearing N.E. by E. 20 miles. Stood into the passage between the two islands where the wind became very light. Came opposite the town at 1 P.M. and a boat lowered for the shore. Afternoon the boat having returned the 3rd Mate with his things was taken in and discharged as he did not seem to get any better. At night two men were missing and Capt. Ship

two more in place of them. One of these deserters as might have been expected was the Cook and his loss will never be regretted. Various signs of his worthlessness have from time to time been exhibited and finally he has proved himself to be a rascal of the first water. He has claimed pretensions to fortune telling and to a knowledge of spiritual manifestation but being ignorant his attempts proved a perfect failure except in running away in which he was quite successful. The other whose name was White one of the foremast hands was, it is generally thought enticed by the former to run away. It is said "misery loves company" but I should think the companion he selected was every way unsuited to such a miserable disgusting thing. A real good natured peaceable fellow as ever existed but rather homesick which might have stimulated in some measure to leave us. Are standing outside the passage to night intending to run in again in the morning.

August 26th

Landed our oil to day 631 gallons to be sent home. Also finished several letters which I intended to have sent home from here but was prevented from landing them after the boat had been in the third time because a boat then came