

in and landed two passengers destined for this island. Brought off half dozen of the finest fatest turkeys I most ever saw. Look for a good feast when they come to be known over. Were detained here but a short time. By 6 P.M. were near ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Brave~~ ^{Brave}. By the time we had landed our other 2 passengers it was getting quite late. Some fears were also cherished of our getting ashore as the wind had died away and a strong current setting landward. Soon however a light breeze springing up got her headed off and stood away intent to return in the morning.

Sept. 28th - 1853

Were early at the island this morning. Several boat loads of fruit chiefly oranges and bananas vegetables and swine during the forenoon were taken on board. Find the oranges green and bitter. Suppose it is rather early for them. If they relish anywhere it will heat sea after other "greens" are gone.

At 6 P.M. agreeably to orders all hands were on board excepting 2 foremast hands who were found to have left in good earnest after examining their chests and missing a quantity of clothing. Laying off and on to night wind increasing.

Sept. 29th

Took an additional supply of the various productions of the island. I went on shore this morning to assist in loading the boat &c. found

the general aspect of the scenery fine and interesting. The island is considerably elevated above the sea and round its shores rugged and broken. But well covered with verdure, and owing to the different shades with a few houses here and there a fine view is given to the real lover of nature which cannot fail gratify. It is a small, but healthy island. The inhabitants are coloured but are found to possess intelligence and agreeableness of manners and an aptness to learn superior to those of the Western Islands.

A remarkable degree of superstition seems to exist with them which is one great drawback in moral and physical improvements.

Having shipped 4 men including a Boatsteerer who is to take the place of 3^d mate discharged at 5 P.M. stood away S.E. & W. with a fine Easterly wind.

Sept. 30th

Trades blowing from N. N. E. and light. Course S. Afternoon got up slop chest and supplied our new hands with clothing as they came on board with only one suit. We mustered a good stout crew and now for the South Sea and the whales, and may our future be marked with health and moisture with oil in abundance. Lat. 13° 38' Long. 24° 04'

Oct. 1st

Commencing with a rainstorm. No change in the wind. At about 11 A.M. at the Irishman