

April 10th 1834.

All hands busy on board receiving and stowing water &c. and today finished painting. Another whaler the bark Ann Capt. Hedges of Sag Harbor came to anchor this morning. She is about 10 mos. out rather rusty looking with but little oil.

Several merchant vessels also arrived during the day.

The approach of all vessels to this island in the daytime is anticipated by the inhabitants of the town by signal communications from the observatory from whence by means of a powerful glass a sail is discerned in clear weather at a very long distance and these communications are if necessary kept up with other stations where corresponding signals are established. On the days of Napoleon this was deemed very essential when the inhabitants were in constant apprehension of the arrival of vessels friendly to his cause.

In the afternoon had light squalls of rain. At night clear.

April 11th.

Very pleasant. Finished taking our water and washed off fore and aft giving our bark a much cleaner and more respectable appearance than before and the exterior newly painted holds a good comparison with others anchored about us. Four ships and two barks were

signalled to day three of them did not stop but only came near enough to strike the "time ball" which is also established for the benefit of masters wishing to correct their time. This gives the true mean time of the island and also the time at Greenwich and is indicated by certain positions of the ball which is easily seen by those desiring the information. One of the vessels leaving to day came quite near us - an American bark and I caught sight of quite a pretty face peeping from beneath a bonnet conspicuous among whom I supposed were passengers. It is I must say extremely pleasing to see here one of our own country woman as I suppose this one to have been and such occasions are I think quite rare. The music on shore to day was quite audible, the air being very still and as usual I listened "with all my might" while it produces happy reflections I cannot sufficiently admire it.

April 12th.

Starboard watch on liberty again and the other has been quite busy during the day in various kinds of employment about the bark. There is a New York trader which has been lying here some time. Last evening just as I was about to "turn in" I received a call from two gentlemen belonging on the island - they having been referred by some one unknown to me - to go on board and play for a small party of ladies and gentlemen who were then waiting having been