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August 12th 1854

Morning no change. Afternoon wind abating turned out kufs and let jibs and spanker.

Afternoon another guller snipe sacrificed by the knife to our devouring appetites. Many of the ducks and chickens have also been killed off. Our fruit holds out like the "widows cruce of oil" and oranges and bananas have just began to get flavored by age.

At 4 1/2 P.M. made St Helena bearing S. W. by E 20 miles. Shall probably go in to discharge our steward who does not get any better and is altogether disabled from duty.

Sunday August 13.

Gentle breeze and pleasant but a rugged sea. Under easy sail. Island bearing at night S. W. about 15 miles distant.

August 14.

Run in opposite Jamestown and have been laying off and on all day. Before noon the steward with his goods and chattels was landed and placed under the care of the American Consul. After dinner the Second Mate and myself went on shore and stoked about 3 hours. Says the steward when he left for the hospital. As soon as he is sufficiently recovered he will be sent home. Capt came off at night bring 3 sacks of pepper and 2 of gum and we stood off under easy sail. Weather very pleasant and wind light.

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August 15.

Fine. stood in early this morning and at 7 A.M. sent a boat in. Came off bringing our Capt. who had concluded business on shore and shipped a Portuguese boatsteerer who has just recovered from illness at the hospital. About 3 P.M. under full sail with S. tack aboard and we shall probably shape our course for Tristan to take another right whale season. This afternoon one of our boatsteerers a very capable man belonging to Bonin island was promoted to the office of 3^d Mate. He is to head the S. boat the recently shipped man to steer him. One of our forward hands has been appointed as steward.

August 16.

Strong breeze and cloudy. At noon St Helena bearing N. S. W. At 2 P.M. Shrike Bark Jona Capt Coggshall from New Bedford 1700 Sps and boiling 35 months out late from Indian Ocean. To night wind increasing took in our light sails. The obs.

August 17.

Continues blowing fresh and sea rugged. At 5 P.M. the light vapor cleared away and brought the rugged steps of St. Helena just visible bearing N. E. by E. about 40 miles we having made a tack in the forenoon. Killed a small pig towards night.