

gone Our potatoes did not come to day as expected. This will delay us here a little.

March 16.

Hot and sultry. Landed 420 galls whale oil and got 30 sacks of potatoes.

I have been on shore this afternoon with the second mate and several others. I sold a small spy glass and raised a little cash which enabled me to make a few necessary purchases. Came off at dusk accompanied by an American a young man who will be our guest for the night.

He has resided here about 2 years and is employed in teaching the English language to some of the youths in this place whose parents can well afford it. I spent an agreeable hour at his house. Heard nothing more of our runaways and therefore conclude they are well clear of the coast.

March 17

Last night we had a severe tempest terminating in a rain storm which lasted till morning when it cleared away. Till 3 o'clock this afternoon have had it hot and sultry when the wind sprang up from the S. and clouds began to thicken. Took advantage of the breeze and got underweigh for Santa Cruz. It began to rain lightly soon after and continued drizzling till 8 o'clock this evening at which time we made the run down and

anchored not far from the fort and near the Barely. To night we are having all sorts of weath and sometimes it rains hard.

Sunday March 18.

A stormy day and have done nothing except to weigh anchor and drop a little nearer the land. This is quite enough for Sunday. Our crew are already getting sick with colds from wet and exposure and it seems to me a penny wise and pound foolish system this working in the rain which is doubly effective here round the land and thereby disabling the men so as to lose perhaps a week or more of good weather by and by.

Besides we are short of men having left us up to the town. Capt. Fuller of the Barely was on board of us a short time and afterwards his chief mate. She is from New Bedford & was with 300 whaling. Brought but one letter for us and that was for one of our late deserters. Would that it might have been for me as it will probably never reach him. It has been a very disagreeable day and for this place quite a chopling sea on. for fear of dragging we have let go another anchor.

March 19.

Felt very weak and unwell to-day and am now determined to keep quiet till I am better whether others who are unwell do or not.