

Rank. A. Hicks Cruising for Whales

Dec 16th

Sunday First of these 24 hours rainy weather the Port watch went ashore for a run that night & all returned this morning except the Cook & the Starboard watch went so ends this day

Dec 17th

Monday First of these 24 hours rainy weather mid & latter parts fine weather the Starboard watch came off this morning the Cook came with the no Herbert & Swift William & Senior Frank Manual refused to go to work so ends

Dec 18th

Tuesday First of these 24 hours fine weather got off four loads of wood to day at night Port watch went on shore mid & latter parts fine weather the port watch all came on board except Nathaniel & Howard at 10 o'clock. And most of the crew went on shore to see the Capt. & Council and came on board again all except William & Howard

Dec 19th

Wednesday First of these 24 hours fine weather not much going on but deck at night Starboard watch went on shore mid & latter parts much the same they all came off this morning then sent the Port watch on liberty discharged Thomas Jones. Peter. Anderson & the Steward so ends this day

Dec 20th

Thursday First of these 24 hours fine weather & light variable wind got off 2 loads of wood to day mid & latter parts frequent showers of rain. Port watch came on board this morning & Starboard watch went on shore discharged. Her & Senior the Smith. & the sick & got off four loads of wood to day William & Howard came on duty to day so ends

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Dec 21st

Friday First of these 24 hours light variable winds with frequent showers of rain hands employed stowing wood & other jobs mid & latter parts weather much the same the Cook John & Howard & 4 or 5 others deserted the rest came on board & the port watch went on liberty so ends this day

Dec 22nd

Saturday First of these 24 hours fine weather hands employed getting off stuff from shore mid & latter parts much rain three of the port watch deserted to day William & Howard. McArthur & Landon & Joseph. Montague the rest came on board & the Starboard watch went on liberty so ends this day

Dec 23rd

Sunday First of these 24 hours rainy weather mid & latter parts the same. Manual. & Howard desert from the Starboard watch the rest came on board & the Port watch went on liberty so ends this day

Dec 24th

Monday First of these 24 hours cloudy weather light variable winds mid & latter parts much rain. Port watch came on board this morning what there is left of the crew & Starboard watch went on liberty so ends this day

Dec 25th

Tuesday First of these 24 hours variable wind & constant rain mid & latter parts the same there is more of our crew deserted last night Nathaniel. Swift. Herbert & Swift & John & Howard so ends this day

Dec 26th

Wednesday First of these 24 hours frequent showers of rain not much going on but deck mid & latter parts the same so ends this day

Dec 27th

Thursday First of these 24 hours cloudy weather & variable wind mid & latter parts heavy rain so ends this day