

Ship Daniel Ford in the China Sea 1854.
Friday March 3.

Commenced with fine N.E. winds
and pleasant weather. steering by the wind on diff
Tacks. 5 Took in the light sail. 10 set M.S. & J. Jib.
A.M. Fine from E.S.E. by on diff. tacks. Ship's duty. Brig
Lat 22.03 Lon 119. 10 E.

Saturday 4.

Commenced with fine E. winds and
pleasant weather. steering by the wind on diff Tacks
employed in the rigging. Saw the Brig. steering various
directions. Something wrong no doubt. She is about
200 Tons with painted Ports. 4. raised a Boat on the
weather quarter steering for us. wore round and stood
for her. She proved to be a whale Boat containing the
3rd mate and 4 men from the ship Copia. Newell
of New Bedford. He stated, he left the ship eight days
since. 100 miles East of the S part of Formosa. They were
provided with Quadrant. ~~Chronometer~~ Compass. Spy
Glass. Coats and Bed clothes. Boat Toys and Trunks for
Bread. He stated also that they landed on the S.W. shore
of Formosa the night before, where they saw two natives
one of them having a musket. that he invited them
to his house whether they repaired after much persuasion.
He gave them a supper, and accompanied them back
to the Boat, and just before they reached her, without
occasion shot one of them. He died on the spot. the rest
jumping into the Boat got out of his reach. They are
bound to Hong Kong. He filled their water kegs. gave
them some Bread and Meat and they went their
way rejoicing. They appeared like Superfine Pascals
and Humanity alone prompted us to relieve them.
They left about 6 o'clock. steering the same course with
the Brig, to W. We raised the Brig at daylight ^{Friday 5} 10 miles
on our weather beam, steering with us by the wind.
at 12 she kept off for us. luffing towards us as we drew
past her. Thinking he would like to speak us. we wore
round. He ran down within a quarter of a mile of us.

and about an hour after. luffed to the wind. It might
possibly be that she had some connection with the Boat
before spoken of. A.M. Fine from S.E. steering by to E. Saw
a large Merchant ship on weather quarter. by the wind to S.
Lat 22.04 N. 119. 38 E.

Sunday April 2nd

Spoke the Copia. The Boat left the ship
about the time above mentioned. He left with 5 men
in the night. in his watch on deck.

Monday 3rd.

Spoke the Prudent of Stonington, who was at
Hong Kong when the crew arrived there in a junk. They
stated that they were fast to a Spinn Whale, and it
coming in thick they could not find the ^{do to Hong Kong} Sheppard
their boat was taken from them by a junk.

Under God, every person who would rise in
the world must depend upon himself. I have seldom
found such a thing as sympathy with human hopes,
between man and man. Folly and contempt more fre-
quently respond to our aspirations, than a hearty God-Spirit.
Relate your trials to a bosom friend, and he takes them
as an evidence of your weakness, and if he has prudence
enough not to communicate his impressions abroad
to your disadvantage, a manly and generous confidence
from him, is a thing to be repurchased, or rather
perhaps, a thing lost forever. Fugitive Thoughts.

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