

Ship Martha: Log Book. By A. Whaling

Remarks on Thursday 27th July, 1837.

This day commences with moderate breezes from the S.W. Middle and latter part fine breeze from the S.W. at 11 AM. lowered and chased two Harp seals. With no success so ends with fair weather & strong Breeze from the S.W.

Friday 28th July

Moderate breeze from the S.W. and boats crew on shore in Blum Mobile and latter part fine breeze and fair weather.

Saturday 29th July 1837

Came with moderate breeze and fair weather at 10 AM they fired a salute from the fort in answer to them. By firing three guns at 4 PM. fired three times at sundown fired once so ends with pleasant weather. This day had two boats out to look for Harp seals. No success.

Sunday 30th July

All this day moderate breeze & pleasant weather at 11 AM the boat came off from shore. The Commander of the fort & later on three other came on land at 1 PM. left at 2 PM. on shore.

Monday 31st July 1837.

Moderate breeze and pleasant at 7 AM pulled out with all three boats in pursuit of Harp seals. Saw a number but could not get fast so ends with light air from S.E.

Tuesday 1st August 1837

fresh breeze from the South two boats out for Harp seals. Chained a number but could not get fast.

Wednesday 2nd August.

Strong winds from the South & squally with some rain by day at anchor of the Bellage. Sealed this day with strong winds. Two men to & off duty.

Thursday 3rd August 1837.

Came with fresh breeze from the South at 10 AM took our anchor and proceeded for Antongall Bay at 4 PM. Came to anchor in 29 fathoms 18 miles from the head of the Bay so ends with squally

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Remarks on Friday 4th August

At 5 AM. took our anchor and proceeded up the Bay with light falling winds at 10 AM. Came to anchor the upper most Island at the head of the Bay in 10 fathoms water saw a number of Harp seals so ends this day. Ship's Log. Ann & Mary in Co.

Saturday 5th August

fresh breeze at 7 AM. sent two boats of Cork on shore to fill one Boats crew and shore cutting wood &c

Sunday 6th August 1837.

fresh breeze & squalls of rain no heavy rain this day.

Monday 7th August.

fresh breeze from the S.E. and squalls of rain bores the sails to dry one Boats crew on shore cutting wood so ends this day.

Tuesday 8th August 1837

sent two boats out for Harp seals followed to sea but was obliged to cut from him because one was lost and from 20 fathoms line. Left 4 boats crew up to the village got one half of a Bullock.

Wednesday 9th August.

Came with wind from the S.E. got off two boats of water and a number of Boat loads of wood stowed the water below so ends with thick rainy weather.

Thursday 10th August 1837.

fine breeze from the S.E. and squalls of rain got off five Boat loads of wood at 2 PM. the Boat came off with a Bullock from shore so ends the sails to dry &c

Friday 11th August.

All this day wind from the S.E. and so in weather got off a Bullock which was divided among the Ship's Mary, Solley Anne, & Boats Harp seals so ends

Saturday 12th August.

Came with wind from the N.W. a light land breeze & squalls of rain. Middle and latter part fresh breeze from the South and squally at 2 PM. got a Bullock from the shore at 4 PM. the Boat came on land so ends this day with fresh breeze & squally