

Bark. Matilda Sears
Wednesday Feb 9th

Strong winds from East with clear weather crew employed in filling the ground tier with salt water and stowing off provisions and setting up shooks for water.

Thursday Feb 10th

Fresh breeze from the North with cloudy weather crew employed in setting up shooks and getting water at 7 A.M. sent a raft ashore with 100 lbs. of m. cast. off as it got under way and warped the ship off there at midnight came to anchor at 1 in the middle of the harbor got off a large load of wood and stowed part of it.

Friday Feb. 11th

Fresh breeze from the North with rainy weather crew employed in stowing water down the main hold and got off three casks of water from there.

Saturday Feb. 12th

Light breeze from the westward with clear weather crew employed in stowing down water in the main hold and wood and setting up shooks sent a raft ashore and filled it with water between 11 O'clock and there in the morning there was nine men runaway with the boat, what layed along side of the ship their names as follows: William Rice, Charles Barker, Ross Stevens, Henry Dickel, Cooper, John Linghill, Henry Humble, Charles Conning, Lees, Simons, James M. Bokerly, and John the Steward boy, forward hands at 9 P.M. sent the boat back in pursuit of the escapees with a crew of natives.

Sunday Feb 13th

Fine weather nothing doing we have no clue of the deserters except at the present time.

Laying at Manganui 1890

Monday February 14th

Fine weather with the wind from the westward crew employed in stowing water in the main hold. Setting up shooks and stowing wood got off the remainder of the wood and sent a raft ashore to fill at noon the boat sent back with the natives from the Bay of Manganui but no tidings of the deserters.

Tuesday Feb. 15th

Fine weather crew employed in getting off water and stowing it in the main hold have not heard any thing from the deserters yet.

Wednesday Feb 16th

Fine weather crew employed in different jobs about the ship took the spar on board to make the boat tight and employed two men from the shore to work on it sent down the fore gallant yard and hoisted the mast down in the jib boom and bigger shies to take the fore spirit out hauled the sail and vice them heard nothing from the deserters.

Thursday Feb. 17th

Fresh breeze from the East with rainy weather crew employed in taking out the fore spirit took it out and laid it over board and took in on deck carpenters working on the new one.

Friday Feb. 18th

Strong breeze from S.W. with clear weather carpenters at work on the new fore spirit cut up the old one and found rotten in side and the wood on the outside all dead done number of jobs about the ship hauled the sail and dunnage them.