

Journal of Bark *Matthias*
 Cruising off the West Coast of Africa
 Departed April 11th 1852

Lat. S. These 24 hours fresh breeze from
 13.47 Southward. The Bark steering N.E. to
 Long. E. E. S. E. under all sail the most of the
 11.08 time saw a plenty of Porpoises. At up
 the flying jib stay in the morning at
 night & carried sail so ends

Wednesday April 12th

These 24 hours light breeze from Southward
 with fine weather at 6.30 A.M. sighted
 Lat. S. Land ahead. the West of Africa steered
 13.40 down the Coast all day. Saw a school
 off Blackfish. and one sail at 3.30
 P.M. called all hands and got up
 the cables and got the Anchors off the
 Bow and bent the cables and overhauled
 thirty fathoms of rope so ends. Laying
 with head yards aback most of the night

Thursday April 13th

These 24 hours light South West winds
 and fine weather at daylight steered
 in haul for Land at about 8.30.
 A.M. Anchored the Bark in Equinima
 Bay in thirteen fathoms of water with
 forty five fathoms of cable at 1 P.M. sent
 a raft of ten barrels on shore for Water
 so ends this day

Friday April 14th

This day fine weather at 6 A.M. got
 Breakfast and the Starboard and Waist
 Boats went on shore for a raft of Water
 got it off on board and run it below
 Land sent it on shore again at 5 P.M.
 Brought off six Casks took them
 on Board and got supper at night
 some rain so ends

of New Bedford Capt. Stickney
 Laying at Anchor at Equinima
 Saturday April 15th 1852

These 24 hours fresh breeze and some
 rain during the night but fine during
 the day. sent a raft on shore for Water
 got it on board and stowed it down
 below during the day so ends

Sunday April 16th

This day fresh breeze from Northwestward at
 6 A.M. called all hands at 7 A.M. got
 Breakfast at 8.30 A.M. lowered the Waist
 Boat and took all hands on shore excepting
 Capt. Mate Second Mate and Boatmen boats
 and two men about 1 P.M. saw a signal
 on shore sent in the Boat with the Capt.
 and found there was trouble with some
 of the crew Knight Woodley and " " "
 Stewards fighting. Ralph Richardson Cooper was
 drunk Third Mate " " " " " " " " " " "
 drunk and was in the crew and said
 he was going to have fair play in the fight
 the Boat brought the Steward Cooper and
 Knight Woodley on Board. Louis Rodgers
 Boatsteward attempted to desert with some
 money that belonged to the Steward and
 Antoine Gonzalez Boatsteward at 5 P.M. sent
 the Boat on shore again for the crew brought
 them all off by going in twice excepting
 three foremast hands which are supposed
 to have deserted. Louis Rodgers was drunk
 and some little disordered Cooper and Steward
 so drunk that they are not fit for
 duty at present stowed up the Boat
 and got supper at 6.20 P.M. so ends
 The names of the three missing men
 are Louis Cornlandt. Niles Hanson.
 Andrew Smith