

due consideration of all the circumstances, and taking into account the fact that the officer Grinnell, who was the principal one complained against, has been discharged by the Master before me on that charge - and after giving a full sifting of all the evidence produced. I decided that the case had not sufficient grounds as a complaint to warrant the discharge of the men, or their liberation from their contract. Held, therefore, that the complaint should be dismissed, and the complainants to pay costs of process. Master and Complainants informed of decision in writing.

In the case of James Woodruff who complained that he received a severe punishment at the hands of the Captain for attempting to lay his complaint before the Consul East Spring, Master and officers having confessed to the same, and the evidence elicited proving that Woodruff was a willing, good natured, and tractable man, who wished to lay the case of himself and the crew before the Consul for his investigation, and was punished solely for so doing - I decided that in view of the law in such cases, the Seaman's right to lay his case before the Consul is one which he must not be punished for exercising, and as such a punishment savors of malice and despotism I held that the Seaman should have his discharge with three months extra wages - subject to the Confirmation of the Department of State in case the Master or owners desire to appeal from my decision. The fact that Woodruff is disabled in one hand and is not considered a very useful man by the Captain and officers makes his loss of small importance to the ship.

Given under my hand at Saint Helena this seventh (7th) day of November, 1882.

James A. MacKnight
U.S. Consul.

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Tuesday Nov. 7th 1882

This day strong S.E. Wind at 8.30 sent several of the crew on shore to have a hearing with the U.S. Consul finished and went on board again about 11 A.M. received two men on board in the afternoon which shipped here Frank Almeida as Boatsteward Charles Wade as Cook at 5 P.M. have up anchor and stood out at sea on the Starboard tack heading about E.N.E. the Capt. on shore to ship men

Wednesday Nov. 8th

Lat. S. These 24 hours strong S.E. Wind
15.21 the Bark steering by the wind on
Long. W. the Starboard tack heading about E.N. about 8.30 A.M. parted the Starboard flying jib gear the mast of the 24 hours the Bark under topsails courses bit and spinnaker so made Cook off duty with a lame shoulder

Thursday Nov. 9th

Lat. S. These 24 hours strong breeze from S.E. by S.
14.21 the Bark steering by the wind on the
Long. W. Starboard tack heading about E.N. saw
4.20 a Pinback during the day the Cook still off duty

Friday Nov. 10th

Lat. S. These 24 hours light breeze from S.E. by S. the
13.21 Bark steering by the Wind on the
Long. W. Starboard tack under all sail during the day at sunset took in the light sails. The Cook came on duty this day