

The Ship ^{State} United of Nantucket
Calvin G. North Commander struck on a
sunken rock not laid down on chart
in about 20.30 South and longitude 175.47
West on Wednesday morning the 20th of
December 1848. At about half past 3 o'clock
the watch was just relieved when she struck
we saved three Boats through Gods mercy
the starboard laboard and Bow boats
she struck three times and dragged
across it as it were from the time
she struck to the time she fell on her
side was scarce an half hour for she
filled immediately the Boats stopped by
the wreck untill day light but the
Captain did not. As soon as he got
his own boat clear he took four hands
with him and fled leaving the rest of his
crew and passengers to perish on the
wreck. The bow and laboard Boats after
having cleared themselves they tried
to find where the Captain was and to
know how they were to act but no
Captain was to be found. He had fled
with his Boat at day light. We
landed from the wreck about 20 miles
off. All was so rejoiced then we took
all of that were on it then alone and
clinging to her for their lives now judge
on this my friends whether our worthy
Captain acted justly in deserting us in
such a manner after knowing they
were a good deal of spars aboard. The
ship and ropes had all the Boats ben
lost he might have assisted us in constructing
a raft of some kind that might take
us to some Island or other. After
taking all off we rowed and sailed.

With a high sea on for the Island
or Islands after a hard beating and
splashing of the seas we all landed
in about 15 hours on the leeward Island
we made for the windward which was
the nearest but it was rather steep
landing we could not find any safe
landing place so we kept off for the
leeward Island after we all landed
and secured our boats we all went
about building a hut and getting some
sustainments such as the islands
afforded such as a plenty of birds
as were on it called Mutton
birds very poor they were easily caught
on the surface of the earth in the holes
with their eggs which we all relished
very heartily. There were also a few
small Cocoa nut trees on this Island
which we cut down and used the middle
part of it for Bread kind and
thankful for we stopped by this Island
untill Friday the 22^d of December.
Then we tall left in our boats for
Tongataboo one of the friendly Islands
which was about 40 miles off with a
high sea and pretty fair wind the
Bow Boat and crew landed at
5 P.M. and the laboard boat about
three quarters of an hour after we were
all kindly received and treated by the
natives and Mr Webb a missionary as
far as laid in their power after having
landed on said Island we found
our hard hunted Captain there who
tried to gain our friendship by his pretty
excuses we since learned by the
Captains Boat crew that after they
saw the land at day light and