

Ship Aile of New Bedford in the South Pacific
1856.

Tuesday February 16th

First part brisk wind from E.S.E. and thick squally-looking weather. At 1 P.M. the weather lightened and ship made all sail for the Bay of Mangaroo. Employed in clearing away our Anchors and chains. At 3 P.M. got down off the Bay but feeling not sure sent the 2nd Officer to make a survey of the Bay, and to procure some person to assist us in. At 4 P.M. 2nd Officer returned bringing Dr. Kears and one of his attendants a Carpenter from shore to assist us in getting into the Bay but coming on dark and the wind growing light thought it best to lay off for daylight. Accordingly at 8 P.M. ship to the E.N.E. and made all sail off shore.

Middle part light breezes from S.S.W. and clear pleasant weather lay off and on the Bay.

Later part much the same light breezes from S.S.W. and clear pleasant weather. At Daylight made all sail and tacked off and on plying for the Bay so as to

Land in sight.

Wednesday February 17th

First part light breezes from S.W. to N.W. and very baffling. At 1 P.M. stood in for the Bay of Mangaroo. At 1.50 entered the heads of the Bay mud dyng away and owing to a head current let go the anchor in 19 fathoms of water. Clewed up and furled all sail. At 3 P.M. weighed anchor commenced edging with our tow lines up the Bay. At 4 P.M. got the ship abreast of Peck Island and came to in 17 fathoms for the night. At 5 next morning hove up and warped the ship to the upper anchorage and came to in 8 or 10 fathoms of water and commenced coaling the ship and trading with the natives.

At Anchor in Mangaroo Bay.

Thursday Feb. 18th

First part light variable breezes and pleasant weather. All hands employed in wooding and watering the ship and trading with the Natives for Hogs and potatoes. Schooner Rps of Hobart Town lying here trading for potatoes for Sydney.

Ocean on a freshening breeze.

Friday February 19th

These 24 hours light breeze and clear pleasant weather employed in wooding and watering the ship and trading with the Natives for Hogs and potatoes so as to get all our wood and water.

At Anchor in Mangaroo Bay.

Saturday February 20th

These 24 hours light breezes and overcast weather. This day let 1/2 the crew go shore on liberty the rest employed blacking ships bns. and trading with the Natives for Hogs and potatoes. At 7 P.M. the Liberty boat returned only bringing 5 Liberty men. These liberty men unable to morrow morning. The liberty rather oversteered their time but returned at 9 A.M. two or three somewhat intoxicated and unfit for duty. 1/2 the officers gone on liberty men detained on account of the other water not all returning so was.

At anchor in Mangaroo Bay.

Sunday February 21st

These 24 hours light breezes and variable winds outside of the harbour E.S.E. so was nothing remarkable. Half the crew then on liberty.

At Anchor in Mangaroo Bay.

Monday February 22nd

These 24 hours moderate breezes and variable in the Harbour outside the wind E.S.E. 2/3 of the crew employed in painting the ship 1/3 on liberty. So ends At Noon the Schooner Rps left the Bay for Sydney.

At Anchor in Mangaroo Bay.

Tuesday February 23rd

These 24 light breezes and variable 2/3 of the crew employed in painting the ship. This morning got off three casks of fresh water 1/3 on liberty so was.

At Anchor in Mangaroo Bay.