

Monday Feb. 8th 1869

Light airs and calms all hands on board but Cook. - crew doing ordinary duty. In the P.M. mate went on shore and did not return again at night. On going on board found that some one had been taking tobacco from my room, made enquiries of Steward, and he stated that the 3rd mate had given him 10 lbs. He had asked for 2 or 3 lbs. by the mate and I answered that I would give it to him. This thought was some three or four days before.

Tuesday Feb. 9th 1869

Light airs and calms with good weather. Went on board this morning and hauled the ship up to the dock alongside of the schooner George Brown and commenced discharging all on board of her. The mate absent from ship - not yet coming on board. Took the Log Book on shore for reference and found that it had not been written up for three days. - The mate on shore and unfit for duty, being drunk and absent without leave.

Wednesday Feb. 10th 1869

Strong breezes from the S and W and fine weather. Two men Frank Chua and Manuel Cardozo missing - have no doubt deserted - made a report of them to the Police Magistrate. The mate absent from ship - discharging oil very slowly - a part of the crew appearing almost in a state of open mutiny.

Thursday Feb. 11th 1869

Strong breezes from the W and fine weather. This morn. found that three more men were absent from the ship and they too no doubt had deserted. Their names are as follows. - Pac Sylvio - Antonio - Ventura and Manuel Marchado. No report from those that went yesterday. Found that more tobacco had been stolen from my room. judging that from 25 to 45 lbs had been taken altogether. - locked my room door to prevent further mischief. - at 6 P.M. the mate came on board, but not fit for duty. - Discharging oil very slowly. Steward absent from ship nearly all day. Snow and Delano a part of the day also without leave.