

Wednesday Feb. 24th 1869

This morning strong breezes from the W. & N.W. and hazy weather. Ship lying at the buoy in the harbor of Hamilton. During the night Cooper and two boatsteersmen Delano and a seaman Mr. Hammond went on shore without leave - at 9 Pilot came on board drunk - a seaman by the name of Scott also came on board with him - at 10 Cooper and Snow and Delano returned to ship. Mr. Hammond not returning - at 7 P.M. Pilot called all hands to get under weigh. - Mate and boatsteersmen Pilot reports drunk and would do nothing. Pilot came on shore at 8 P.M. in the meantime the line parted from the buoy and let go port anchor to keep vessel from going on the rocks. - Sent for the mate to come on shore - did not come waited for an hour or two he did not come - went on board and found him nearly drunk - came on shore at 3 P.M. and was discharged for drunkenness - advancing him \$100 - clad in gold and paying him to order on Lorenzo Pierce Esq. of New Bedford. - Shipped a man for Steward by the name of Manuel Meraka to be on board tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock.

Officer Matt D. Gifford Discharged

Promoted Mr. Gifford from 2nd to 1st mate giving him the 1/18 pay also promoted Mr. Samuel C. Borden from 3rd to 2nd mate giving him the 1/30th pay. - Mr. Henry not appearing on board today. The mate Mr. Gifford being discharged brought his things on shore - at 12 P.M. Mr. Hammond was arrested by the Police and put in the lock up - he was arrested some 4 or 5 miles out of the place.

Thursday Feb. 25th 1869

Seamer in with strong breezes and squally weather winds from N.E. at 10 A.M. made complaint against Mr. Hammond seaman that yesterday deserted the complaint was sustained before the Police, Magistrate and Mr. Hammond was fined and costs of court Total \$1. 7. 4 1/2 = \$6.57 besides working a forfeiture of all wages and money due him from ship - shipped as prevented boatsteersmen Cook, Seaman, &c. Manuel Joseph - advancing him \$18. - at 8 P.M. Pilot on board took the ship some four miles down the bay and anchored again at 3 Manuel Joseph - Mr. Hammond and Manuel Preuxia went on board. - at sunset rainy weather.