

Remarks on board the bark Osceola 3^d Capt. C. B. Hamblin

Sunday August 28th 1859.

This has been quite a pleasant day, nothing unusual going on. This afternoon gamed with the bark Edward and the Napoleon this will be the last with the Napoleon as she is bound to the westward.

Monday August 29th 1859.

This day commenced with a strong breeze and very damp disagreeable and cold weather. Last night as the second mate was wailing round the jib got away from the boatstrees and unrove the sheets and whiped the pennants off overboard. When the mate was told of it this morning you ought to have heard him curse and swear and see what a fool he made of him self any person to have heard him would have thought that he had lost every thing in this world, you cannot expect any thing else of a man of his disposition for it was all useless talking so much as he has done, all day about them pennants which did not cost above five dollars at the most. This forenoon he went on board of the Napoleon of an errand. There has been Pinback's and Blackfish in sight. Very strong breeze at sunsett rec'd the fore topsail. The volcano burning very bright. The past week has been very cool and damp disagreeable sometimes calm and then a very strong breeze. The ships have about all left here for the present. None in sight at sunsett.

Tuesday August 30th 1859.

This day commenced with a moderate breeze, six sail in sight. This afternoon lowered down for Blackfish and the mate got one as for my self I have hard luck for I cannot get fast if I do my irons come out. Today I darted two or three times and picked one, the captain crowded a good deal he changed ends and had a first rate chance and hove his iron flat on his back he then fastened to another with two irons and drew from him. I do wish that he would take some one else to steer him for I do not like him in the boat and am afraid that we shall have trouble we certainly shall if he carries on as he has done to day. as for getting a voyage in this bark we cannot so it there is too much dissatisfaction fore and aft. and another

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another thing if a ship is to leeward of us there is nothing to do but haul up and run down to her and have a gam generally from four P.M. untill eleven and sometimes later, now this afternoon as soon as we got the Blackfish cleared away we must haul up and run off a mile or two to have a gam with the Mary Wilder. Now I like to gam once in a while but to follow it up night after night I get sick of it, this is the tenth time since the 17th of this month that he has been gaming. Let old man you will get a voyage (in a hour) them's my sentiments exactly.

Wednesday August 31st 1859.

This has been a very fine day, several sail in sight. This afternoon hoisted out our Blackfish, a little after three this afternoon the captain from the Mary Francis came on board and soon after the captain from the Edward also came. There has been plenty of Pinback's and Dolphin bottoms in sight all day. Gam, Gam, Gaming all the time. So ends this month.

Thursday September 1st 1859.

This has been a very fine day for these parts. This forenoon about eight o'clock went on board the Bark Emily she is just from Paita and brought letters for us, none for me. She sent two boats on board to take out some meat which our captain sold them got through about noon loaded their boats and after dinner they went on board and captain Hamblin returned. Hauled forward and stood along by the wind untill after two P.M. when tacked in shore. There has been seven sail in sight some Blackfish and Porpoisses. Laid with the Main to sail aback from 8 o'clock untill one P.M. this has been a very fine smooth day. The Emily brought out our steward who ran away in Bombay.