

Barck Cicola 3^d Bound to the Gallapagos islands

Saturday Feb 23rd 1860

This day commenced with a very light breeze about noon it died away to a flat calm; This forenoon commenced to coil out the Blackfish and finished about four P.M. at one P.M. the mate lowered down for a school but did not get any as they were going quick. At sunset the sky to the N.W. looks as though we might have some wind and rain which would be of some benefit to cool the ship for the past few days it has been very warm indeed about the hottest weather I ever saw.

(The mate and myself are at sword points again and for my part I don't care if ever he speaks to me again he will have to speak first.)

So ends

Sunday Feb 23rd 1860

This day moderate breeze with frequent showers. This morning had quite a row between the steering gang and boy. The Captain had them arranged on the Starboard side of the quarter deck and wanted to know what the trouble was; he said that he had heard a good deal of growling about their living; and if he heard one more of it he would fust the man in the rigging and take the skin off his back.

They shipped at home to live the same as in the cabin but they don't get it, only in one thing that is Tea, Coffee and salt meat.

We gave the boy a good sound whipping for being saucy, he deserves one very morning for he is the sauciest boy that I ever saw.

The mate painted his boat today. At sunset the sky looks very wet.

So Ends

Sunday March 4th 1860

This day fine weather with a moderate breeze from about N.E. At sunrise saw a sail off our Port beam steering about the same as we are, at sunset hauled up the courses and took in fly jib and jib a jib. At four P.M. Woods island dist about 23 miles west.

We have had very pleasant weather the past few days with a fine leading wind from N. to E. have seen Blackfish several times yesterday we lowered but did not strike.

Monday March 5th 1860

This day very fine weather and a moderate breeze, about 1/2 past 12 spoke the Bark Columbus of New Bedford 1200 m from since leaving Tumbes between one and two P.M. made Woods island and found that our chronometer was six miles out of the way.

The Columbus reports that last month there were plenty of whales around and that several ships had got good cuts out of them, she is about one month from Tumbes and has done very well. At sunset the land on the Starboard bow distant about 15 miles, light winds from the eastward.

So ends.

Tuesday March 11th 1860

This day fine pleasant weather and nearly calm. This forenoon the captain's little Poodle dog died and was thrown overboard, soon after dinner the mate lowered for an old log and brought it on board. At 3 P.M. the captain went on board of the Franklin and returned about 8 in the evening.

Tuesday March 12th 1860

This has been a very fine day with a light breeze. This morning an unusual scene occurred it appears that two of the crew got to fighting; John Dyer and Frank a Dutch man, as John Dyer has been concerned in other rows and for other offences past the captain ordered him in the rigging where he gave him upwards of two dozen and left him hanging there until noon; about four hours lowered for Blackfish but did not get any. I sail in sight.