

Ship Bolama of New Bedford Capt Dorman

Friday March 23rd

Comes in with fine weather and light breeze from the Southward at daylight Saw the Island Juan de Fernandez bearing N.N.W. 35 miles distant at 9 A.M. Steered off for the Island 1 Man Sick Employed setting up Shooks. at noon Juan bearing

Saturday March 24th

Comes in with fine weather the Ship standing to the Westward at daylight Wore sound to the Sea. Saw a Sail running off to the Northward 1 Man Sick Carpenter is well and gone to duty a Kanaka John Bull was taken Sick yesterday with pains in back head &c. he shows strong symptoms of the Small Pox. we fixed a place for him in the Main Hatchway and fixed his bed there to keep him separate from the rest of the crew. at noon Juan bearing

Sunday March 25th

This day Comes in with fine weather fresh Breeze from S.S.W. the Ship standing to the Westward several Vessels in sight the Sick man John Bull is worse this morning. there is little doubt but it is the Small Pox. his face and breast has broken out in small blotches. the Ship has been fumigated twice today and lime sprinkled round between decks the forecabin whitewashed &c. and every precaution taken to prevent the disease spreading. at 8 A.M. Steered off N.W. at noon Juan Fernandez bearing E by N. 35

Monday March 26th

This day Comes in with fresh Breeze from S.S.W. the Ship steering N.N.W. Middle part blowing fresh Gale the Sick Man appears quite comfortable and he will probably have the Small Pox. fight there is no appearance of any one else having it as yet and we are in hopes it will go no farther there are two other Kanakas came South by obs. 31.12 Long by Chron 80.28

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Tuesday March 27th 1855

This day Comes in with fresh Breezes from S.S.E. the Ship steering N by W. latter part more moderate. the Sick man is getting along quite comfortably no signs of the disease spreading South by obs 28.23 Long by Chron 80.24

Wednesday March 28th

Comes in with strong trade the Ship standing to the Northward at daylight saw St. Felix bearing N.W. latter part more moderate John Bull is getting along as well as we can expect. another Kanaka John Howe was taken this afternoon with the same disease and there is another one sick but we do not know yet whether it is the Small Pox or not at noon St. Felix bearing S.W. 30 miles

Thursday March 29th

Comes in with fine weather and fresh trade winds the Ship standing to the Northward latter part moderate saw nothing there is no change in the Sick ones last night cleared out the forecabin and smoked Ship and then put all the Sick ones forward and brought the well ones all aft rigged a place overhead on the House for them to sleep and brought them bedding all aft. and we keep them separated as much as possible we keep a fire of charcoal burning in the main Stateroom & Steward's nearly all the time and sprinkle lime twice a day for I left John Bull has been light headed nearly all day. George Harrington & Ward has taken charge of the Sick ones they have both had the disease so there is no chance of them getting it again South by obs 23.55 Long by Chron 80.33

Friday March 30th

This day Comes in with strong trade the Ship steering N.N.W. saw 9 Blackfish the Sick men are about the same South by obs. 20.56 Long by Chron 80.52