

Ship. Balaua of New Bedford Capt Dorman

Saturday March 31st 1855

This day comes in with strong trades the ship steering N.W. by N. Middle & latter part squally. Saw nothing the sick men are getting along quite better. John Bull is recovering - the other two remain about the same. Lat by obs 18.10 Long by Chron 82.16

Sunday April 1st

These twenty four hours fresh trade winds the ship steering N.W. Saw a school of black fish a sail in sight standing off shore the sick men about the same

Lat by obs 15.24 Long by Chron 83.1

Monday April 2^d

This day comes in with light trades the ship steering N.W. at 10 A.M. John Bull died. Ward came on deck and told the Captain that he had fallen back and he could not see any signs of life in him. Surge brought the poor fellow back breathed his last. We buried him at 1 P.M. the other sick Kanacka remain about the same he has had the disease about five days since it first broke out there is one other one sick but I do not think he has the small pox

Lat by obs 13.07 Long by Chron 83.50

Tuesday April 3^d

Comes in with light trades the ship standing to the northward Middle part squally. Saw finbacks the sick ones about the same. Lat by obs 11.1 Long by Chron 83.5

Wednesday April 4th

Moderate & baffling trades with cloudy weather, carrying all sail northward, sick men about the same, Fresh Officer very unwell with fever & chills, used nothing of importance. Mr Henry anxious to get to Paita for a doctor. Lat by obs 8.58 S Long by Chron 83.24 W

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Thursday April 5th

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Wind moderate from the Eastward with fair sky carrying all sail northward. Fresh Officer still very sick & confined below. The other sick, about the same as yesterday. Lat by obs 7.02 S Long by Chron 82.50 W

Friday April 6th

Wind moderate with fair weather. Fresh Officer at 8 1/2 PM a native of the Pangwiche Islands died of small pox. At 9 1/2 PM he was buried. Fresh Officer no better. At 10 AM saw Fair Agaya E N E 20 miles. Lat by obs 5.55 S Long by Chron 81.45 W (Barometer 30 to 5 for fresh)

Saturday April 7th

Wind moderate & variable with fair sky. Brought to anchor for medical assistance for fresh Officer. At 8 AM Capt Dorman brought a boat 15 miles from the town & went for the doctor. The weather calm. Lat

Sunday April 8th

Wind northward with fair sky. At 12 1/2 PM the Doctor arrived on board. He stated the disease of fresh Officer to be typhus fever. Also stated the disease would soon prove fatal unless submitted to proper medical treatment. At 4 the ship was anchored in 10 fathoms. At 5 the Officer was carried ashore & placed in good apartments under care of Dr Ringgold M.D Consul. Cap took the anchor & stood seaward, so was Lat 4.55 S Long 83.18

Monday April 9th

Moderate trades with fair sky. Latter part saw Blk fish & looked for them without success. Employed Codfishing. Lat 5.51 S Long 84.15 W

Tuesday April 10th

Trades lighter with fair weather. All useful sail set. Cruising. Took two Blk fish. So was Lat 5.32 S Long 83.57

Wednesday April 11th

Light & baffling trades with fair sky. All sail set. Cruising. Took one Blk fish. One man sick with sore eyes. Lat 5.53 S Long 84.17