Barque Baltic Oct 23rd 1856

raise a breeze as yet it is in vain

Oct 23rd
This morning a light coat spars drifting we along
on knot in our hopes slow travelling
last season in 18 days after having
sails we were laying off and on
at Mahee this season beating we are
all in a hurry to get there yet seem
as if we never should. The Captain
expects to find his wife in Oahu consequently
is looking as smiling as a basket of chips
all hands myself included hope he will
disappointed. For from all accounts she will
not be a very pleasant ship mate

Oct 24
I am happy to say the island of Moloka
was quite plain in the middle watch
last night which was nine. and this morning
we are nearly under the lee mountain
of this celebrated island. the prospect
now seems to be fair at present for
us to drop and anchor by 2 P.M.
provided the breeze continues.

Oct 25th
Last night about 10 P.M. we let
the anchor go and now we are
safely lying but a few fathoms from
behind the largest town in these
island with the exception of Honolulu.
this morning we were very busy rafting
casks ashore to fill with pokers
water. Lahaina is quite pretty kind
of place the streets are laid out
regular and well lined with large
shady trees. they need them for it is
the hottest place I ever saw
you cannot look in any direction
but what you see forbids an
an unusual quantity. I have eaten
so much I expect it will make me sick

Bark Baltic Oct 26th 1856

Oct 26th to day we are clearing up painting ship
the ship is a merchant ship here stating
oil and bone that she cannot take
more until the first of next month
and we cannot get our letters
until we go down at Oahu which
will be at least 2 months. the Starboard
watch gets ashore tomorrow. I expect
to see a happy set of fellows in the
morning for this is the first port
they have been in at that liquor
has been sold. in

Oct 27th
Part of the crew are sick to day (or rather
our watch) fresh bref. Sweet Potatoes. Pumpkins
& watermelons. Bananas. Oranges we have
done them too much. the best mellons
I ever tasted I have eaten here. We have
awnings all over the ship and still
it is hot enough to roast porpoises
All hands are obliged to sleep on deck
I was sleeping very sound last night
up on the Forecastle Deck along
with my friend Jack Baldwin
about 12 o'clock the old man drifts
along up to us. and called me
some epithets which are you doing up
there. I was sleeping there - I did you
was. get below and if you get sick
I will give you a point of salts and
I shall see that you drink them.
I have taken 3 mixtures and I don't want
any more. Our watch gets liberty
on the morrow. it seems Sundays there
are no better here than any other
day. As soon as the drunk beasts slide
is at 7 P.M. all white men that have
not got a pass from the Harbor
Master are obliged to have the
black and we aboard of this