

Port Baitie Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1856

10<sup>th</sup> I was ashore all day yesterday  
went up to the Sailors Home got  
dinner there I think it is a very  
fine place, they have a large Reading  
Room with newspapers from most  
all parts of the world. Underneath  
the Home Father Danvers Office is  
the Chaplain for the poor Sailors. Many  
of our crew got several books  
from Father Danvers all of a  
pious nature

11<sup>th</sup> I was ashore again today and  
saw the King of the Danish Islands  
he was quite looking young man  
and has a white forehead for the  
Quartermaster with a sherry off food for dinner

12<sup>th</sup> We are making preparations to get  
under way. I shall not be sorry  
when we get out of sight of land  
again, and we get on regular sea  
fare.

13<sup>th</sup> We weighed our anchor to and  
ships bows last night and are now  
steering and down with a good  
fresh breeze and are playing the  
Briny wave at the rate of 8 knots  
on I had a very severe squall strike  
us this afternoon, we closed up all  
sails except the topsails and put  
the ship before the wind, until it  
passed over. The old man shipped four  
Spanish boys in at Oahu for Able  
seamen and they do not know anything  
the old mate makes them fly left &  
around Drakes

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14<sup>th</sup> We found straight for New Zealand  
still steering S.E. by E. with a very strong  
breeze and carrying all sail. I feel  
like a new man again since we have  
got out to sea. Bro Luis straightening  
up the Old Mans Books got him. it will  
take me several days before I can  
finish up his. and I intend mending  
the lot as much as possible

15<sup>th</sup> The men are at work in the rigging  
and I am having fine easy time writing  
in the cabin. It still continues to blow  
very hard. the topmast stay and topgall-  
ant sheet were carried away  
last night, in the middle watch. I  
knew nothing about it I have all night  
in while fixing the old Mans Books  
still continue to steer S.E. by E.

16<sup>th</sup> The wind has hauled and we are  
now steering full and by. I find  
it most impossible to write for the  
old man the ship rolls and pitches so

17<sup>th</sup> Everything on board now is got in a  
ship shape style and all have a sea  
sick once more still head close  
to the wind

18<sup>th</sup> My job is nearly done with in the  
cabin I have nothing more to do but  
dodge off each of the crews account  
they are all questioning me to find  
out how much they have had out  
of the ship chest. My Bill Liberty  
money and all is \$40. Reading the  
vessel