

10th Feb 1857
To day we have a hard job of scrubbing
the ship from the stem to the stern
with lye in order to take off all
the oil dirt &c

11th Feb 1857
The old ship looks as clean & bright as
a new pump. we finished washing all
the inside. now next comes the outside
we are now in warm weather Lat 33°

12th Feb 1857
Commenced washing & scrubbing the whole time
to day. finished scrubbing the Bow to day
All hand & passengers waiting for us to get
to Pitcairn Island so that we can get
our full complement again

13th Feb 1857
It is very warm and pleasant we are lounging
around decks some reading some smoking
more spinning yarns. This morning comes very
acceptable again now. light rain making
it very pleasant

14th Feb 1857
Being bunched our Bow all on got down
as the wind & island might be true the
old man instructs sending the Bow home
if he has a chance when we get to the
island

15th Feb 1857
making spun yarn. the old machine is in
motion with its eternal chatter right over
my head not a very pleasant place
for a lady to sleep. I will at all events
now try it after loading my old pipe
I tried in my bunk take a smoke and
settle myself in the arms of Morpheus

16th Feb 1857
In Latitude 29 the weather is very warm
so that we find no difficulty in sleeping on
deck might in our state nearly dead
calm

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Washing outside of the ship. getting ready to
sail for. cannot head the course now
so that we are keeping her close to the wind
in Lat 29.50 matters quite all are anxious
to get Pitcairn Island. there we expect to
get plenty of fruit & sweet potatoes. good strong
Breeze

18th Feb 1857
We are now obliged to Beat as the wind is
precisely ahead. took at this noon again
for we have only made 35 knots to midward
at this rate it is going to take some time
to reach Pitcairn. this island was settled
some 35 years by some 10 Mutiniers off on an
Englishman merchantman. these men killed
the Captain & Officers. sunk the ship then
embarked for an island 3 leagues off
called Otaheite each got Kanaka women
came ashore to Pitcairn & settled since
there have been missionaries on the island
& these Mutinier sailors were converted into
the Holy & righteous ways of God. they are good
now but their descendants are all living here
in perfect peace & harmony

19th Feb 1857
This morning the cry of three or four
was sung out from aloft. it was only seen
me. Mr. Thomas concluded it was a Slab
fish. It is a buzzing in very strong the
wind comes from just inside the island
should be. Breeze washing & mending to day

20th Feb 1857
It is blowing very strong but the old man
is carrying most of the sail as he is anxious
to get to this island tomorrow. the wind
has howled so that we are making our
course by shall be in sight of land about
10 am Lat 27.55 at 12 m to day. Pitcairn
Island in 25.54. A Spun yarn machine on the 18th Feb
left going quick