

Bark Baltic April 21st 1857

Sat 19th The Captain intends going in at one of the more westerly of these islands either Attoray or Fothia to get some more potatoes & several eggs & some poultry. Besides onions and other necessaries. He is going in on a regular trading expedition. The Captain nor any of the rest of us have any money so we are going to trade for Calico Blue Drilling and some other trifling articles that we have. The natives of these islands are not under much as great a state of civilization as the other island from the simple fact that very few ships go in there.

Done up in washing. good strong breeze making W.S. Always is plainly to be seen. The old mate took some dry goods & must ashore to trade with the natives. But they were too much lazy to go and look up their wares. He wanted him to wait until the morning and then they would be ready to trade any chap. But we came off and left them & started for Fothia.

Sund 20th Left off and on at Fothia all day. The ship doing nothing but back ship every fifteen minutes. First standing out away from the land and then back. Left again and stood in for the land. Had a good with Bark Wherryport from Stonington. Mass. ore out of the bottom 8 months & has taken 300 cbls of ore. in some tall fiddling on board of us by one of their crew Sunday although it was too bright.

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Mon 15th Mr. Stairs must ashore this morning with a few pieces of Calico & a bbl of black. I have oil & has been all day busy a trading. This island is like all the rest the land is high but the soil is rich. I saw Mr. Stairs buy a keg to day. That I should say at the best calculation would weigh 500 lbs for \$1.92. We bought 13 kegs & several bbls of sweet potatoes & Yams. The potatoes only cost 15 cents a bbl. we got many Yams fruit & mint at night - came on board and set sail for the cold north coast met by South.

Tues 14th The Bark Wherryport is nearly abreast of us and the two Captains are trying to see which has the smartest sailing ship & from the appearance she shall be the first to take in sail for it is at present a fresh breeze and each of them are carrying Royals. The wind is about 4 points. I am and we are going along at the rate of 11 knots. we sail faster in as yet & neither of them seems to have any decided advantage over the other. & come W by S.

Wed 13th The Wherryport is on our weather quarter so that we got ahead of her last night and still maintain our ground. And I think we can as long as we have a good breeze. Killed 2 large hoopoe to day & have been molting sawages & Carde W by N.