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Sat 3rd All ready to sail for Honolulu I must
to the Captain and told him I must have
some medicine before we went north. He told
me to wait until we got down at
Oahu. But I told him that I must have it
now. He then told me to go to any of the
Doctors in the place and get some medicine
and he would pay for it. I went to
a Doctor and he after sounding me
soon told me I was not able to go north
and he gave me a certificate to go to
the Consul and get my discharge. When
the Captain came to hear of it you may
depend he was not in the best of humor.

Sat 10th I have now been in the Hospital just a
month and so far like it very well. There
is some 80 patients here and some are very
sick but the majority of them look as
well and healthy as I do. The Doctor visit each ward
and patient every
morning and those that are quite sick
morning and evening. He told me if I
was careful and not caught any more
cold he would soon send me home.
The Hospital is one of the largest buildings
on the island situated about one quarter
of a mile from the sea side in a beautiful
grove with a large yard and very convenient
for the patients that are well enough
can walk round run they like in the garden.

Sun 12th I think I am rapidly improving and am
in hopes in a short time to leave this place
for I think it is the most pleasant
place I ever was in. The whalers have
all gone and nothing going on. I think
now of going down as the Spanish Main
and trying my fortune once more as terra
firma.

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As soon as I can get out of the Hospital
I will leave Captain's mates are used no better nor
do they get any better treatment than a common
sailor. They all eat at the same table no distinction
in quarters.

The mail has just arrived and I have sent
down to the Post Office expecting certainly
to receive a letter from you my dear mother.
This is a cold dull day. I have heard since I have been
here. The weather has been very mild and
pleasant. I am getting much better of my
cough and if I can only continue to spend
as fast as I have said I have been in the
Hospital I shall soon be well again.
I sent a letter to you on Monday last acquainting
you with my living here. and I know it
will be at some point to you all. But I consider
my duty. This seems more to me like a large
boarding house than a Hospital. For out of the
whole lot patients there are only 3 confined to
their beds (with the consumptives) all the others
are running around the island in all directions
they are obliged every patient to be in the
Hospital at 9 P.M. and that and meal
time is the only time you find them all here.