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Lying at anchor at Hels Ouykee

273 days out

Whoraway September 12th 1853

Last night is the first we have had without rain and has been very pleasant all day. The high mountain is in sight and a considerable snow at its summit. The Larboard went on Liberty. Gave the ships masts and rigging a second coat of paint both sides.

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Tuesday September 13th

The Starboard watch went on liberty. Many of our crew dislike this place but I like it better than any foreign port that I was ever in. Everything is still and quiet. The people virtuous intelligent & happy. ^{partly} spirits sold in the place. This is all attributed to the missionary and hence they are not liked by many but anybody can judge what class ~~would~~ of characters there are, ^{that} ~~and the truth~~. I have enjoyed myself well. I visited Mr. Coan the missionary who has resided here about 18 years and had a good time. On my way to his house I saw a young native with a slate. I stopped and spoke to him but he could talk no English. I took his slate and made a straight mark on it and divided it off in three ^{7th} ~~ways~~ annexing three figures and made signs to know how long the mark ^{by} or pole would be and strange to say he did it immediately and I could not help thinking that missionaries had done much for them; well I called on Mr. Coan and had an other pleasant interview. His house was large and airy for this country. I did not have the pleasure of his wife's company long as she was very busy in arranging household affairs. They were painting and repairing the house. He presented with several books the "Gabbath Manual," "Gion" and the Sailors Gabbath, which were all very acceptable then he gave me a lot of tracts and papers to distribute amongst the crew. I hope they will do them the desired good. I then visited one other family a Mr. Worth whose lady has recently arrived from N. B. her maiden name was Thompson sister to my old Capt. and as we both belonged to one place we found much to talk about. They appear to be very nice folks and have a good wooden house built by himself and is beautifully located. He has a little store near to his house and is doing a fair business. I enjoy myself well and am only afraid my wife is not so well contented as I am.

Box of about 125 squares of bananas and about 20 inches sweet potatoes

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Wednesday September 14th 1853

• The Starboard watch on Liberty having a good time and perhaps the last day for this time
• Took of 200 pint apples and 3 or 4 bushels of oranges and an iron shovel and an axe Sold 2 bbls of flour One cask of bread beside dry goods and ready made clothing. Took off 6 casks of water

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Thursday September 15th

making preparations to leave for ^{the Cape} ~~Mozambique~~ ^{Port} Put all the water
Took off below except ~~the~~ casks. I went ashore and ^{bagged} the bread in the
few ^{onions} storehouse and expect it will stand till we want it
and a small I sold another cbl of flour making 14 bbls in all. About 6 1/2 in
On a fine evening made out a boat crew comprising 2 boatsteers
to make one, the Carpenter, Cooper and 3rd and 2nd mates and went ashore
of the other for the Capt. and stayed till past 9 when we left agreeable
to the laws of the place. The Capt. concluded not to come as the
wind was unfavourable to our getting under weigh. But should
the wind prove favourable during the night we are to get under weigh
and send a boat for him. ~~The~~ Pilot on board

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Friday September 16th

At 3 in the morning called all hands and weighed anchor
and set sail to a light land breeze. Sent a boat for the Capt
who was on board as soon as the anchor was off the bottom.
The wind died away in a few minutes and we lowered 3 bars
and tacked till breakfast time. After breakfast let go the mud
hook again but in a half an hour the breeze ~~and~~ sprung up and
took the anchor to the Cat-head and started with a very light
variable wind from anywhere. The Pilot left us at about
10 o'clock and we continue to brace round and square the
yards sometimes as often as every fifteen minutes.
Took Mr David Burton as passenger to Mahoe.
About 7 months ago he was shot in the hip by Capt Forestry
of the Ship Goleconda. I believe he went ashore at Oboro contrary
to the Capt's orders. The Capt followed him ashore and requested them
to go back and they refused when he drew ^{revolver} a pistol and fired five times
before he succeeded in the attempt. The ball passed through the hip
less than an inch of the groin where it remained near 2 mos when it
was cut out. It was finally discharged on the 6th of Jan ^{on Jan 6th 1860} and in