

Bound to Maui

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Saturday September 18th 1853

In the P.M. and all night the wind very light and extremely baffling so we was kept very busy squaring and bracing the yards but made but little headway not being outside of the range of the 2 extreme points that form the harbor of Heale. We thought of anchoring at sunset but the water was deep being over 20 fathoms and the weather looked windy so we concluded to hold on. Before noon we took the W.C. tricolor set the foretopmast standing sail. Steering S.W.

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Sunday September 18th

We had a good breeze off the P.M. and night but as we drew near the land it died away and shifted frequently as it did yesterday. At breakfast time we thought we should get in before we could get breakfast but the wind left us and at noon the prospect of getting in did not appear so good as it did in the morning but a breeze soon sprang up and we came to anchor at about 1 1/2 o'clock where we found our old friend the Euphrates and the Addison and the Bark Oscar all of N.B. The Addison has 4 bbls wh. and 200 sp. The bark is from the Arctic Ocean one whale this season she reports many but they have all been unfortunate. There was 4 ships on Kodiak. The Addison she took 4 whales. The Polar Star she took 4 and the Euphrates took 6 and the Saratoga took 12. We thought we was low but we feel quite well satisfied as we hear from others.

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Monday September 19th

Commenced and hauled all the bone from between decks and my part (hauled) 101 bundles and there is a boat enough for 8 or 10 more in to make which we shall finish tomorrow when we shall leave it all in this (to be sent home). At 8 the Capt. came on board and called all way (to 5) the foremast hands aft and strepted them in this way saying with mark that he had just received a document from the Consul with signatures all their names on it (it is the copy of one that they left in the hands of an assistant Consul at Heale) who could do nothing for them) well the Capt. call them a few ^{useful} things and told them that 4 of them could go to this Consul and lay their case before him and perhaps they would be sorry that they had got up this petition. Well they got ready and went in I do not know (as they will be able to accomplish their object) but I am

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Logging at Anchor at Maui

Tuesday September 20th 1853

We finished bundling all the bone at 8 o'clock and swept the deck all nice and felt very glad to get through with such a disagreeable job. Well the Capt. came on board and examined it and said we must loose it again and make smaller bundles as they weighed about 130 lbs apiece and he wanted them less than 100 so we went at it again but there was many long faces about as might be supposed. Sent ashore 100 bundles with an average weight of 90 lbs each. To day we have all been greatly disappointed which has troubled us more than bundling bone. Last Friday a schooner left this port for Oahu and we sent by her for all letters and papers that belonged to this ship but today she returned without them. It appears that a merchant of that place had taken the letters out of the postoffice and put them on board of a small vessel and directed them to Mr. P. P. P. of Oahu before the above mentioned schooner reached there. The vessel that had the letters touched here on her way to Oahu and had layed here a day or 2 and got underway this blessed morning and so our letters have gone to the post we left last Friday morning. O dear when shall we hear from our friends and home. We had been trembling with anxiety all day but our hopes are cut off for the present but the Capt. says he will stay here 3 months but that he will have them. No one can tell how pleased we was when this vessel was in sight as we recognized her as the one that was to bring us tidings of home but I am in hopes that disappointment will do us good. To day John Clark went ashore he being home and unable to work and at sunset he refused to come of with the boats so I believe he was put in not very easy by the police and when he got aboard they put him in irons. A dangerous man indeed.

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Wednesday September 21st

Before 9 in the morning we finished the bone and sent it all ashore 183 bundles weighing 1532 2 1/2 lbs. Sold the Euphrates 4 bbls of meat and 4 1/2 bbls flour with the cake that contained it. Sold also 20 lbs of meat to the Bark Oscar. Took a half dozen from the shore. At 4 P.M. Mr. Parker went ashore probably for good and we are all sorry except 2 or 3 lower officers. Some one from Oahu is expected to take his place.

Great trouble about letters