

Monday November 28th 1853.

About 4 o'clock P.M. the shore party left us and started for another cruise to the N. and E. ward with a very light breeze and a very hot sun but toward night the wind backed up strong and the weather more temperate. At 7 A.M. the Capt. called the blacksmith aft and talked with him for some time and I am glad to say it ended better than I expected. I was afraid he would put him in the rigging. I heard the 2^d Mate say he hoped he would kill the fellow. They have been down on him for a great while and for what I do not know for he is a good willing fellow as ever was. He was deprived of his watch below and set to picking oakum. He then called Mr. Bodg who made preparation to run away but was called out of the boat. I think the Capt. talked to him for he has been a fancy man before but then has spoiled him with the Capt. Let him to scower the trypots. It appears that Charles Pierce heard that there 2 were calumnying to run away and sent a note to the Capt. and shore informing him of the fact for which he was offered 2 dollars he accepted one. I am glad the men are here for I did not want to part with them and hope they will be used better for the future. Saw humpbacks.

Tuesday November 29th

Strong breeze from the N.E. W. steering to the N. and Eastward in the gulf of California. The watch making Spungum. Mr. Bodg scowering the trypots and the blacksmith picking oakum. The Capt. told the blacksmith if he will do his duty as well he has heretofore there shall be no fault found with him. He has been much used by being falsely represented to the Capt. by the great men.

Wednesday November 30th

Steering N.E. till we were within about 10 or 15 miles of the land. At sunset squared the yards steering S. by E. for the N. Scapules for the purpose of landing our 2^d Mate who has been in a decline and has been for the last 2 months but is now worse. I am glad and sorry that he is about to leave but providence seems to demand it. All hands busily writing letters as this is a rare chance. We expect they will be with our friends in about 2 days from the time they start.

Bound to the port of Scapules to land the 2^d Mate. Thursday December 1st 1853.

Fine weather steering S.E. with square yards for port. Very busy making a few little things to send home in the fluky. Sawed my hand with the circular saw this is rather unfortunate for me but I manage to write and get along slowly with the work. Most of the work is for the Capt. and 2^d Mate the rest for me and P. M. I can work with good courage for my wife and family as it may well be supposed. The watch turning in the M. rigging.

Friday December 2nd

Beautiful weather and a light breeze from the N. steering S.E. I have been very busy making a few little things to send to my little family. The watch to work at the M. rigging making Spungum and Mr. Bodg scowering the deck pot. Left about 10.20. South.

Saturday December 3rd

A very light breeze and the most of the time ahead so we are making very slow progress toward the port of Scapules about finished the main rigging and finished making little things to send home.

Sunday December 4th

Wind light and variable. Busy writing letters to our friends at home. This may be considered a worldly employment but I did it with a view of doing them good.

Monday December 5th

Unexpected to have been before this time but the wind died away very unexpectedly and not only light but some time contrary. Saw the land at 3 P.M. Caught a few skipjacks.

Tuesday December 6th

The wind continues light and variable steering to the Eastward for the land which is plain in sight. The watch employed in turning in the fore rigging a very warm job this weather. Mr. Warth appears to be getting smart to day. He has caught about 20 skipjacks but I do not think he would get well today if he could as well as not him. Mind is made up to go home and we do not wish to stop him.

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