

Bound to the Port of Acapulco

Wednesday December 7th 1853

Have not got in yet in consequence of light winds. The land about 15 miles off. Steering E. down along shore. Weather very warm. The watch turning in the fore rigging. A plenty of fish around the ship. At noon about 75 miles from Acapulco.

Thursday December 8th

We have thought of getting in tomorrow for the last 2 or 3 days and the prospect is still the same (tomorrow). In the night and part of the day we have a land breeze the rest part or about half of the time have a sea breeze. Saw a topsail schooner steering the same course. Finished the fore rigging.

Friday December 9th

The wind light fair and pleasant weather. At sunset within 15 or 20 miles of the harbour or port of Acapulco. At 9 in the evening a little schooner had nearly overtaken us so we layed the main yard a back and lowered a boat and went on board of her. Don't remember her name but she was an American built craft with an American crew 4 or 5 days from Mazatlan bound to Acapulco. At 8 in the morning. Took Mr. Worth and a trunk containing his property and started for the shore. There was no sign of a settlement till we got within 1/4 of a mile when a few low houses appeared to view. We pulled for the shore or beach where there was a few logs driven in the ground evidently intended for a wharf but was not finished. Here the Capt. of the Port hailed us and wanted to know where we were from and what we wanted. The Mate told him we call to see if there was a steamer here that we wished to have a passenger. He answered that there was no steamer and that we could not leave a passenger unless we brought the ship to anchor and ordered us to back off to a boat that was ~~some~~ a short distance from the shore and after a few minutes and he would come and see us. As we did so and in about 1/2 hour he came off with a boat's crew and told us to follow him to the ship. He wanted to see the Capt. but we had gone but for a short distance when we met the At. G. Mail steamer not an 1/4 of a mile off coming in so he sent us aboard saying he would come as soon as he

One boat here loading with coal from an old hull and 9 other old ships whose that had been consumed. Most of them in a good state of preservation.

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Singing a boat and pulled for the steamer but the wind was too strong.

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boarded the great steamship. S. L. Stevens we layed on our oars while this world within itself passed by with 500 passengers on board of Ladies and gentlemen. It was a grand sight to me and one I can't feel proud of my country to think that this great wonder was built in N. York. Well this floating was from Panama and touched here for coal of which there was mountains of it at the water's edge and on board of several old hulks of ships which was used as substitutes for wharfs. We reached the ship at 11. Left Mr. Worth in the shore boat.

Saturday December 10th

About 1 P.M. the Capt. of the boat arrived with Mr. Worth and stayed on board about an hour and found everything satisfactory left us with our great Daniel Worth and many of us was glad to get rid of him and hope if we get on to fill his place it will be a man that will do more toward killing whales and less toward killing men. He got his share of whales but killed none. I hope he will be a better man before he goes whaling again. At sunset saw another steamer pass the port which was probably the one that they expected the next day if so Mr. Worth will be detained longer than was anticipated. There has been a hawk around the ship to day which has caught and devoured 5 little birds in our sight cutting them on the yards and still persisted to stay there although the men had inflicted several severe blows on his back with a broom handle. This would drive him off but a few minutes but he would soon come back and probably laugh to think we should attempt to drive him away with broom handles only so the Capt. concluded to ^{shoot} him with shot when he fell dead in the water. Lowered a boat for him. To end. Almost calm and very warm.

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Our great Daniel is gone and I am not sorry. Sent Mr. Worth to his wife with a small package.

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Sunday December 11th

Same kind of weather. In the middle watch Daniel Williams unfortunately got to sleep. The 5 jackets caught him and went at him with a rope end and beat him what he supposed to be enough for such an offence but the Capt. happened to be on deck and when Mr. Leach got through with him he commenced beating and kicking him and finally tied him to a beam aft till the watch was over when he was let loose but was left on deck the remainder of the night.