

Leaving off and on at St. Jose

Friday January 27th 1854

At 11 o'clock I returned to the ship with the boat and took 6 bbls of flour 1 bbl of pork. Oil 3 boxes of dry goods 5 boxes of tobacco 7 boxes of cigars (1000) and several other things not worth mentioning. Returned at sunset with 100 lbs of sweet potatoes at 2 cents per pound. This is quite a place, there is generally orange and bananas here but the is rather for them. The bananas are about half grown 2 little schooners at anchor here.

Saturday January 28th

At 9 in the morning started for the shore 15 miles distant the wind very light. Reached shore at 12. Met the Capt and the crew went to the town and we went to a French man's about a mile from the town and took dinner with him and his nice little Spanish wife and had a first rate dinner and a first rate time though ^{the} lady could not speak a word of English but she was pretty enough to make it all up. This is the first time I have had such a privilege since I left my nice little wife. At five the Capt sent us on board putting 300 dollars in my care and gave orders to take the ship down to the Cape and send the boat in at that place in the morning. Reached the ship at sunset. Steering S.W. for the Cape. Had a good time to stay.

Sunday January 29th

In the morning found ourselves near the Cape again. At 8 lowered a boat and went in for the Capt who arrived on horse back shortly after. We found Capt Comstock and Lady waiting for us. The steamer which they left had repaired her machinery and gone so we had no time to send letters home to our wives. At 11 we arrived safely on shore with Mr and Mrs Capt Comstock and a man by the name of Fain who are all cabin passengers and are to go to the Islands with Capt C. left the ship W.T. Wheaton in charge of the boat and went home for his wife and will join her again at the Islands. Don't we feel grand now we have a woman on board, it may do us some good to see her. Boat at liberty again. Bound to the Islands.

Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Monday January 30th 1854

The weather has been very fine and the wind W. Most of the time. Steering S.W. by W. Our Lady has favoured us with her presence since much of the time and I think it is well that she is not alone some if she was she would be in danger. Our Captain sticks close to her and enjoys her company very much. Took the anchor on the bow and run the slack chain below leaving the end fast to the ~~chain~~ anchor. But there is a half. The Carpenter making buns for the Ladies dresses a good job.

Tuesday January 31st

A very light breeze from the W. and very pleasant. Underst the jibs and repaired it. Going slowly toward the Islands.

Wednesday February 1st 1854

The first half of the day a light air from S.W. and fine weather. The evening was spent by the fore mast head in singing which is beautiful exercise and recalled to mind many pleasing recollections of home. The last half of the day the N.E. trades set in lightly. Steering S.W. by W. with 12 or 14 knots. Turned 2 back for the Lady Sat 2nd 19th.

Thursday February 2nd

Beautiful weather with a pleasant breeze from the W. Steering W. It seems as if this weather was designed on purpose for our Lady and I know if my wife knew how pleasant it is here she would like to be here with us. Our Lady gave us a few turns last evening but she needs badly here to help her her voice is too feeble to be heard a half a ship's length off. Getting up and repairing old oil shocks to be filled with salt water for ballast in place of the meat which is to be left at the Islands. Very poor shocks and covered with oil and gummy the heads and hoops.

Friday February 3rd

The weather continues remarkably pleasant and we are improving it to the best advantage and our Lady improves it by washing her clothes and drying them. She comes out in a new dress every day so we suppose she is rather rich or extravagant well I am glad to see her try to look pretty and am sorry she cannot make it out for I love to look at pretty women. Getting up old shocks.