

Bound to the Sandwich Islands

418 days out.

Saturday February 4th 1854

The weather beautiful still and the wind is pleasant from S to R. Steering W. Finished the shoes and though they were very poor but by reducing and repairing and adding new soles they will do. Reduced two 2 in casks to 3rd and shook out 3 bread and flower casks making 3rd of the kind and 12 water casks that I have shook out and making that I have set up. Our lady has hardly been on deck today she is probably unwell or come to her eyesight again.

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Sunday February 5th

The last week has been rather a busy one still it has passed more agreeable than any other week since we left home. All for the influence of women we wish she was always to stay with that is as long as the voyage shall last. She has spent much of her time on deck to day sometimes working arm and arm between both Captains looked to each and appears to enjoy herself well. The wind is fair and we are making the best of our way towards the islands where I shall certainly expect to have letters from my wife and sisters and best friends, if I should get disappointed this time I shall not dare to trust them again but my wife will write.

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Monday February 6th

Wind aft and weather pleasant steering W. Filled one of the tubs in the middle and at daylight commenced breaking out the after hold for the purpose of ironhooking the meat. Stowed the old casks adrift the ^{middle} and filled them with water from the tank. The old hands commenced knocking down the first thing because the watch did not come aft as soon as they turned out the starboard watch was hoisting at the after hatch. It should not have been so. You are still steering for the American Coast perhaps California.

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Tuesday February 7th

To work at the meat at stowed 80 casks in the after hold for immediate use the rest in the blubber room where it will remain till we get in when it will be put ashore till we make a cruise to the seaward. It is a very hard job particularly for the hotel gang and not very easy for me. I make poorer others drive them on 4 to each cask making 6 all told.

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Wednesday February 8th 1854

422 Weather continues pleasant wind E. N. E. Steering W. finished the meat and stowed it away. Our Lady washed again today and it looked real old fashioned to see her clothes on a line. Saw a few finbacks.

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Thursday February 9th

The weather is some cloudy and the wind has changed to the southward of E. Steering W. by S. Took in the harbor boat and our famous Carpenter repairing her and the poor Ola Cooper making a barrel for the Captain. It is intended for blackfish head oil for the Captain's own tooth. I am sorry to say Our Lady has not been on deck today. She washed yesterday. Our Mate limping about again. Had another furious attack of the venereal. He is a used up man. I fear.

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Friday February 10th

Commenced with a fresh breeze from the S. E. and pleasant weather but during the night changed to the S. and from there to W. with rain. With rain something we have not had before since we left the Islands or 5 or 6 months. Latter part nearly calm with rain all hands washing. About noon the wind breezed up from the S. E. took in top gallant sails because it thinned, they are afraid of thunder. One Turkey got disatisfied and flew overboard and has probably fell a prey to the fishes before this time. We could not stop for him. Poor thing. Carpenter off duty with the tooth ache. Longitude about 12⁹ West.

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Steering W. P. W.

Saturday February 11th

The first 8 or 8 hours was raining and disagreeable but the wind was fair so we could endure it well as we are after letters. I went to hear from my wife. Only think have not heard since we sailed nearly 14 months. I must hear from her at the Islands. Our second 3rd mates think of leaving us there and the steersman also, the former because they cannot please, and the latter on account of ill health. It is supposed the chief mate will leave too in consequence of his present disease. So there will be quite a revolution amongst us. Mr. Oakman will get promoted. Glad off. Our lady has been on deck about 10 minutes today. Deck a little dry. Carpenter off duty with a swollen face. So wife or sister to tell him.