

George Gordon on board getting along
Roberson in ship yet
A man drowned
Great excitement and great
disappointment

Lying at anchor at Cayahue
Wednesday March 1st 1854

The morning dawned most beautifully. The Starboard watch on liberty. The Starboard watch painting ship &c. Took 5 bbls potatoes two boat loads of wood and a keg of the fine emine fender and if we do not mistake appearances there will be an addition very soon. The wood and the bag was exchanged with the Rainbow for an old boat a pretty good trade for us. We have bought but very little fresh beef since we have been here so the butcher on shore sent of a operator saying he would us a present of it. Took it on board and hung it up till spoiled and the 2nd day threw it overboard.

Thursday March 2nd

The rain washed of some of our paint last night. Some rain to day. All the signals set at half mast to day in consequence of the accidental death of one of the ^{on shore} sailors crew while filling casks with water. It appears he fell striking his head against a cask and from there into the river. Two of the crew dove for him immediately but he sunk and has not been seen since. The they have fired a large gun & fired his name is John ^{son} of Cove Marm. He has left a young wife and child to mourn his loss. The ship John Roggehall of Fairhaven arrived 16th and the schooner Maria of there island arrived also. The Capt. came for his wife who came from home in the ship Montreal. Has been here a fortnight. They had been separated about 5 years. They will have a good time no doubt. Took on board 5 bbls of potatoes.

Friday March 3rd

Starboard watch on liberty. Today I fell in with Charles Gifford of the Corbis who informed me that Mr. Howland was still alone in the ship and that James Rappah was at work for Blanchard but could tell me nothing about the wife. Why could he not have brought me a letter. Saw also Wm. Keavilly son of the same ship. He had seen my little ones running about but could tell me no particular but brought a letter for Pierce from Mrs. Marble who said nothing about my family so I take it for granted that they are all well. Why could not some of my friends have written. Great excitement. Roberson has disappeared very

Mysteriously. He was locked in the house when we started for Cayahue and while we was eating he effected his escape from another door which was not locked but was blocked by the door peck. Took chest and other things. Looked the ship all over even to the tops. Sent the boat ashore to inform the Captain. It is time he had his liberty. He has been in irons eleven days and fed on bread and water.

Saturday March 4th

Some rain as usual. The Starboard watch on liberty. Have heard nothing from Roberson. It is said that all the ships is to be smacked in the harbor as several ships have lost me and they are supposed to be stormt away on board of the ships for it is about impossible for a man to get clear on shore. Mr. Bell brought his things on board to day.

Sunday March 5th

It is to be hoped that the most frightful and disagreeable occurrence of the voyage passed to day. At 12 at night the alarm of fire was given by Robinson who had the watch on deck. The cry of fire at midnight is awful anywhere and more especially so at sea. At the cry of the ship is on fire, I put on my clothes and hurried on deck and sure enough she was on fire if we could judge from the smoke that was coming from the forecabin with the men who were a rushing in the greatest confusion. Took off one of the fore hatches and commenced throwing down water the lower hatch being off but all at once the blast burst out in such a manner that we were obliged to put on the hatches to smother it. In the mean time the Captain had been sent for and soon arrived with Capt. Picket of the ship Rainbow. We kept the hatches covered and boarded holes in the deck and put in barrels and poured water down in that way till about 3 o'clock when it appeared useless to pore any more in that way. The most of the time the rain fell in torrents so we were completely drenched. All hands were then called aft and treated to a glass of brandy. The foremast hands were then told to remain under the house while the after guard was invited in the cabin where we remained till daylight. At 6 in the morning took a cold bath and such as liked coffee or hot drink and got ready to fight fire again. Riggged up the hose tub and fitted the hose. Took of the hatch and beat a rope around the waist of a man and lowered him into the hold. He grabbed the shore pointed where he supposed there was the most fire holes or for a moment or two when he was obliged to be