657 Sunday October 1st 1854

This is remarkable good weather and we are going through the water at the rate of eleven miles an hour so of course the distance between us and the Islands are shortening fast All hands well, what a blessing it is a rare thing so long from port I have been a writing the most of the day Lat 2 S. Long 4 E.

658 Monday October 2nd

The wind and weather still favorable making a S. W course To work at the bone Last night Williams was found asleep below in his watch on deck he was call up and sent to the mast head where he remained several hours and during the forenoon while he was stooping over scraping bone the Capt gave him an awful kick in the face just under the eye which layed him sprawling on deck I did not see it but when I heard of it it gave me a feeling I cannot easily get over I have since been where his eye should be but it was too much swollen to be seen He did not give the starboard watch a watch till on account of some difficulty that happened when he was comg asleep. Finished cleaning the bone and stowed it in the blubberroom

659 Tuesday October 3rd

Carrying on a great stroak of business in every direct Commenced in the night by mending hatches which took till near Midnight At daylight all hands commenced in good earnest some ~~with~~ scraping and scraping masts some making fore topgallant studs others dodging about with white and black paint dobbing the chains and main block strap, spare poles and &c. and the Cooper with part of the time two and part of the time 5 men setting up casks for water bread and flour casks that we had shocked from 20 to do 21 in number finished them in 4 hours time

660 Wednesday October 4th

We are again safely at anchor at Hiva Oa for which we have great reason to be thankful We saw the land at 5 P.M., lay it shock through the night, took Worth the pilot at 9 A.M. and dropped anchor in 6 fathoms of water at 11 Yes we are chased to this beautiful Island again. The Ship Pierhead of Hartford is here full 2400 sperm bound home She reports the loss of the ship Silas Richards Mr. Tabor our Ex Mate was in her and the Ship Benj. Rush was much injured in the ice in the Arctic Mr Dam our ex fourth mate was in her Kentucky Fellows Thanks we are all be thankful? If we have not fallen [illegible] we are all well with 2600

Lying at Anchor at Hiva Oa Marquesas I. I.

661 Thursday October 5th 1854

We have taken off 2d casks of water 13 & 8 bls and the Captain came off and helped stow it This is wonderful I suppose he could not trust his officers Mr Lake spends the most of his time in shore his Lamenego is so bitter. The Carpenter took down the deck floor and put it up forward so as to stow water in its old place to trim ship. Washed the ship out side and I have at last finished my picture box which was commenced the 26 of July and have made it about 3 week time perhaps more! A few showers of rain I in the evening a boat crew came on board from the Alonzo but were ordered off after they had got on board We have the same as we always had i.e. a boat allowed along side without a thing called in office.

Friday October 6th

The Larboard watch on shore who would have thought it as all in such a hurry to get to shore to get over letters and discharge our seamen Took off 65 bbls of water and started it in the starboard Oil tank for washing ship &c. and took off about 25 bbls of sweet potatoes & sold 2 bbls of flour on shore and one coil of Manillas 2½ inch Cordage to the ship Alonzo The ship Pocahontas arrived with only two whales this season See him reported on the 79 page

663 Sold a keg of butter to J Wattles for 2 cts per lb Saturday 7th October

The Larboard watch all returned at sunset in good order as there is no rum here The starboard watch went in the morning to have a run on this pretty Island I enjoyed myself well Went to Capt Worths and looked over the "Standards" Worth and Putman are just finishing their new stores. Took my picture box on shore and they admired it so much that I sold it to Benj Putman for thirty dollars I might have got 50 just as well I should like to see the rest of it to my good little wife. The watch blacked the bottom of the boats

Sunday 8th October

The Pilot Capt Worth came off at sunset and at 9 in the evening a light breeze set in from the shore so we took anchor in company with the Alonzo and put to sea. The pilot left us at a little past midnight but the wind being light and variable we make but very little headway All hands are in a great hurry to get to Brooklyn the sooner we get there the sooner we shall be in good hands but I think it will be a long day before it is over the Capt takes great pains to work up the Ship