

Leaving off and on at Cape St. Lucas

Monday January 29th 1858

During the night wind light and buffeting with thunder lightning and some rain. I was promoted to watch headboard in place of Mr. Oakman who was on shore with the boat and crew and have not come off as we have not been near enough since last night. At dark as we can not stem the current. We attempted to get our latitude off steadily and be off but we shall have to stop another day. One year ago today we left this place for the Islands. Under took to put hotel but the horse bursted when half through he was obliged to give it up.

Tuesday January 30th

We are off for the S. Islands and all hands are glad for this place is not scarce to the hearts of any of us. The boat returned last evening at 6:30 clock with about 6 bags of sweet potatoes, a few oranges, a number of cheeses, 4 turkeys and 5 hens. They did not like sleeping in saw hills. At 8 in the morning went on shore again with 3 boats taking 1589 yds of bleached cotton 335 ft of boat boards 100 lbs of sugar, 100 lbs of coffee 3 bbls of flour one gal of oil 4 male and female pig in the prime of life with promising propensities for perpetuating its species and a few pieces of whalebone for straightening up Mrs. Ratchers. Got the raft of water to the ship and a young ox and sheep before dinner and sent the boat for the captain who made out to finish his very extensive business at five in the afternoon with a gentleman passenger who is to go with us to the Islands. It is said he is a very wealthy man. He may possibly make us poor fellows a small present. I believe he belongs to N.Y., his name is Thos. Sprague. At 4 o'clock before we are off for the Islands with a favorable wind we shall be there in 2 or 3 days. Thence we shall recruit and start on our last cruise. Thence the foretop gallant backstay is sitting it up. The vessel it can not set it up again. Starting S.W. Wind W.E.

Bound for the Sandwich Islands Good

Wednesday January 31st 1858

Had all kinds of weather today. About 6 in the forenoon the rain set in and several water sports came rather too soon for our comfort and the wind which was fair a minute before now blew from every quarter. Halted up the crew, closed up the top gallant sails and closed down all the top sails and let her lay for a few hours when the ship disappeared and the wind got more regular. But the rain did not forget to fall the remaining part of the day. There was a storm of a different nature on board of the ship. The Captain heard of the Molasses scrape (see particulars the 28th) and used many harsh words and threatened to stop their watch from here to the Islands and to let the mate to give them a plenty of work. He could not find out who took the Molasses or on whom. He told them when they got any more Molasses they would know it; they had words for their tea and supper. So it goes. Mr. Sprague is said to have 6000 dollars in gold with him. He is bound for the Islands for turkeys for leaving Antigua or Antigua in the other court. He is a Universalist and is exploring the country. Thursday February 1st 1858. A Watch below the dog for the poor fellows for work. They have all been the work in the rigging. At 10 o'clock evening. Captain was at the wheel and got to playing with the dog and excited his kind of amusement and he seems to regard him as a two-legged dog of the feminine gender and was talking liberties to the boat and at last understood. He soon ran out of the top of the house. He heard and on the fore yard to house, being called down at 3 in the morning. At 4 o'clock ready for a candidate play with the dog; more particularly so at the school but I think the principal the great for the first offence. They seem to be pleased to get the slightest thing against a man here. The wind has been light and from all quarters. At 10 o'clock the wind was fair. I have turned all day on parts and the fore top gallant the foretop gallant is making a list. It is called in the book a list and in light. All hands