

Friday February 2nd 1858
 Pleasant weather and variable winds steering N. E.
 The men loose their watch on account of the molasses
 scrape. The Capt. is down on them but he does not
 like to show out before our passengers but told the
 mate to keep them at work every minute and about
 them or rather knock them down frequently as he
 would express it. "Lick them like a dog".
 The mate told us of this today but said he should
 not do it as long as they minded him. He said
 he gave the Capt. to understand it too.
 Some of them are nearly sick on account of drink-
 ing the Cape water which is miserable stuff
 but they are obliged to drink it while the sailing
 folks drink a different kind. So it is.

Saturday February 3rd
 I do not know how to begin to record the events of this
 day but as the great difficulty came off in the night
 watch I must begin there. At 11 at night the darkened
 watch was called and the Capt. turned out and went
 on deck also. Jones and Short had just seated
 themselves on the deck pet listening to a yarn that
 was being twisted by one of the watch. The Capt. went
 forward and first threw the corks down overboard then
 and then pitched into them with the fury of a mad
 man and beat them awfully with a large rap and
 sent them to the Mast head for the watch. The first
 tended they were asleep but every one on deck they
 were not and he knows very well they were not
 but he could not get the mate to punish them for the
 molasses scrape and he did not like to act out the
 data before our passengers and it is supposed he could
 not sleep until he had thus satisfied that awful
 wicked temper of his. This morning Short had the
 most frightful looking face I ever saw where he has
 been struck in the face and eyes with that barrel
 down with deamian fury his eye is blacked and
 dreadfully swollen and large pieces of skin off in
 several places. The mate and almost all the rest of it

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Oh how could that man lay his head on his pillow to sleep
 after thus abusing a brother that he is duty bound to protect
 He is punishing them for the molasses scrape by depriving them
 of their watch below and making them work early and late and
 then he does not give them any molasses for their druff and he
 is little for their tea and coffee that they can scarcely taste it and
 so after all he is not satisfied he must sleep nights until he
 has shown more particularly that he has the temper of a savage
 and the impetuosity of a barbarian and that too without any provocation
 of an offence. It was known they did take any molasses, all that
 was known is the molasses was found remaining. It was found
 remaining last night but he thinks himself that it was left to
 the others who have the care of it and it is very probable that
 it was left to the fore. It is the foreman that a heavy
 squall with thunder and lightning and torrents of rain
 had all day. Let at the time let go all the chaly ends of
 wire and took in sail to a double top sail. If it had
 been as little as it would have taken all our sails for
 the rigging is so good that it will not haul them up.
 Packed the bottles to the clewline, the crotchit there
 and the weather forecastle brace and left much of
 the rigging half hauled out as they would not bear
 the strain but with trouble is nothing. I ordered a
 boat for our crew who took a notion to have a
 swimming bath. Had the men working still in sail and
 out in the rain. There was clean before they commenced but
 they could do nothing else in the rain and they must be kept
 busy and going off to finish up the day light so they
 did.

Sunday February 4th
 The day has nearly passed and has been quiet
 though we have had a few squalls but we can get
 along with the elements better than we can with
 the squalls of human passion. The men have had
 a watch below today but I suppose it will be off hand
 tomorrow. The Capt. was on deck several times during
 the night but it appears he could not find a good reason
 to fight or at least what he calls such. My feeling was
 excited by the affairs of the other night and are not quiet
 yet though I try for all parties but I want the
 affair for themselves and the better than their own peace of
 mind.

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