798 Saturday February 18th 1858

We have had a number of squalls today in one instance had all sail down the topsails till it was over when we made all sail again. Pleasant between squalls

Steering W by S. Left the schooner astern out of sight. We set a light for each other through the night

I spent a few minutes through the day in writing to my wife. The rest in ship duty and reading

799 Monday February 19th

The weather equally wet the wind rather rough but we are off and are mistaken. Nothing for the men to do today but to see the go. I have been to work a making an ivory case for the gentlemen to carry letter paper in and Mr Atkinson the steward being Bos'n has to attend off duty nights we expect to have in the next port. He has never fully recovered from the effects of the venereal disease

800 Tuesday February 20th

The weather still boisterous and raining. Steering W. S.W. A few incidence happened last evening just at dark in a squall. The clue of the Mizzen topsail parted in a squall and while they were fixing it the M. topsail allant sheet and fearnil strap parted at the same time but our smart sailors soon put every thing in order again. Hauled up the cables and bent them which was a good soaking job for us for the ship seemed to enjoy the sport of dipping her under. Finished the letter for her case and a letter folder for the passenger

801 Wednesday February 21st

The winds increased if anything and the weather still equally wet thick and not land in sight though we could not be more than 15 miles off at noon. At dark struck in sails to close reefed topsails and hove to and must wait till better weather. Our passenger is quite seasick and looks as if he wondered how we could be so merry and cheerful. I made a jagging knife for the Capt to present to some Island lady

802 Thursday February 22nd 1858

Again we have seen our Cape friends. The morning dawned middling fair and the wind had died away to a whole sail breeze so we made sail and stood in for the land which was about 20 miles distant and not a cloud by on the mountain and as the sun shone on its snow covered top it made a grand appearance. But the S.E. soon blew and heavy gusts down came whistling by so we had to haul off shore and reduce sail. In the afternoon we hove the clue of the Mizzen topsail again. Sent it down and repaired it and bent it in again. Painted the fife rail and fore steragail also; greased another for rigging and sails. To day I have been to work on a cain for the Capt and for Bigelow. I fear I shall need a cain and a leg too before I get home. So ends Wednesday

803 Friday February 23rd

The gale still continues from the South East and Hilo bears about S.S.E. so the wind is directly ahead. We have made and taken in sail to dust the squalls as we are in a great hurry to get in. At noon we were within 5 miles of the beach abreast of the large Bonna. The Island of Maui in sight to the leeward. Our passenger is still seasick and says he would give 50 dollars for 3 hours sleep on shore. I have made a cain for him today. He says he will give me 100 dollars per month to go to California and work for him and they say he expects a good lot of gold. But my poor little wife expects me home for months go without first coming home. To day we have finished the last remnant on the task

804 Saturday February 24th

We have at last got to anchor after an absence of nearly 2 months and have taken nothing greasy. Took the Pilot out 1s forenoon and anchored at 4 this afternoon. Our passenger took a short squall in store and intended on leaving a chamber for Cabin. He gave the steward 5 and the Cook 5 dollars for service rendered. We wait this good. The Capt had sewed a few of his hard aprils to the Cabin table and to one of his damnit head off and several other things equally distinctive. To bed for nothing to do. Turned off 3 biffes of bread and took off a few pecks of potatoes

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