819 Friday March 9th 1855

The great and long dreaded gale is over. The spreads lower yards are down and the rigging bit up and the decks of the ships hands pumped over the topsail nearly repaired. There are now 8 sail here 3 of them are Frenchmen. We expect to get through with our hoeing this week so we can have a chance to write a few lines.

818 Saturday March 10th

Another day has passed and all hands, with the exception of the Carpenter and myself, have been kept on deck to finish rest work and watch below for we that stand watch something that has never happened before in port. Bent the mainsail and mainsail. Wm Gamm took his things on shore today to the hospitable where he stays. The Captain gave us a very short call.

817 Sunday March 11th

My self and others have spent the day on shore and attended church. Heard a good discourse from Joshua 1 chapter 9 verse. Spent a part of my leisure time in writing to Sister Harriet. Perhaps some would not think it right to do so on the Sabbath but business is very driving and the mail starts soon so we are done in a hurry.

816 Monday March 12th

The wind has got to the south (a dangerous quarter) and blows strong. The Reindeer and two French ships have slipped or took another and are now lying off and on. Mr Lewis our old 2nd mate has shipped again and has made us a visit to-day. Mr Rodgers our 2nd mate has gone ashore to get his discharge as he is not considered competent for the Arctic service. He is a man of not much experience or force, could lower boat and throw lines but never fought whales. The Capt has shipped a man by the name of Wright to take his place. Wm Newton Bell the one we had last season but he shipped in the Lydia in preference to the Reindeer. Repairing the foretopsail. Double reefed for the blow.

The Carpenter stopped in the mast the day the mate left

815 Tuesday March 13th 1855

The gale has generally died away but a few squalls have taken its place though we have managed to get off our topsail and finish repairing the fore topsail and bent it. The Night owl sailed 2nd Mate is on board and on duty. Mr Rodgers has gone bag and baggage and will be home in the business.

814 Wednesday March 14th

The night was rainy but the day fine. Took from the shore a barrel of water, two cakes of flour, one piece of beef, a bag of potatoes and put in there the balance of beef, 40 pieces of bread for the passage home. Two deserters another party from Honolulu but it is believed they did not bring the mail. Thought we would be favored of letters now but have been expecting them every day but we must wait a little longer.

813 Thursday March 15th

The Sandwich Islands are in liberty. The State House repaired and finished the foundation and ambient the Church.

This morning we expected letters on the schooner Governor arrived from Honolulu during the night but the ship that arrives from the Coast brought no letters for us. This to our long cherished hopes have proved yet disappointment. Mr Gerald is in Kaarot and on duty though he has to keep in there he don't care much about her. The Liberty Man came off at dark. Mr Potter, Hewitt, Stone and Bains were drunk and noisy as usual on liberty days.

812 Friday March 16th

A gale from the N.E. but as bad as it was we made out to get ashore on liberty but we all got rather out. The French ship Satoire Jon. Rio dragged afoul of us and carried away our signal yard and crane and broke and shipped a piece of the starboard. The Capt came off and had 5 casks of blackfish and broke out of the main hold to send ashore. At 7 in the evening the French ship swung into us again while we were heaving up our anchor which had been dropped a few hours before. Received no other damage. [illegible] it was good it blew out the skin