984 Friday August 24th 1865

The wind this day North E. and gradually increased to a gale and obliged us to take in sail to a close reefed M. topsail, and at 3 in the afternoon the sail fell in short and we a rose to high we were obliged to
Hauled reef down through air the at M. but so no Cobble sea
to lie All hope the watch we kept so dark in the
to look at each other till noon dinner time when it is
generally customary to send half below such a weather
but Capt. B. does not consult the comfort of his crew
as a good ship Master should I heard several day they
wished to go home they are would be likely to think so
this weather It appears to the more that the blessings
of a good home and a good wife and a little children
are to be sought for and so warmly as myself but this I
am looking for such immortal blessings

985 Saturday August 25th

Continued foggy with some rain till noon when the
wind changed to the South, died away to a whole topsail
breeze and cleared the atmosphere of some of the fog and
all of the rain so we commenced boiling again
Nothing to be seen but birds Got an imperfect
observation of the sun's altitude and found our lat.
to be about 5 g. 17 l. Long 30. 17m. 17 West

986 Sunday August 26th

We have not heard the beautiful sound of the
270.5 church bells now an instructive sermon from
10 the pulpit but instead of this the sound of the hammer
1514 and pressing of the sailors have given heavily upon
the ear We have stowed 109 bbls of oil in the main
hold and stack up pipes of pitting are chocking the main
hatchway A leak 50 bbls left in the tank
It appears to me that this work might have been done
tomorrow just as well The weather could not have
been more warm as we have had a thick fog and
hot rain through the day with a gloomy pale of mind
At one O'clock in the morning finished boiling and
at one in the afternoon finished stowing and set
to the weather Again with the Sabbath A sleepy Sun
Nothing reading the Volume of the English Martyrs

Monday August 27th 1865

P.M. wind this morning N. E. a gale from the S.E. and thick
with fog and rain we do not have anything to do but set and sleep
standing greater nothing Saw a ship sailing supposed to be the
General Williams At dinner time we caught some gurnets we
should have prized her a visit

988 Tuesday August 28th

The gale still continues from the S.E. and some fogg but
no rough as it was it did not for keep our Capt. from visiting
Capt. Freeman of the Montauk He offered
to us at 11. A.M. the wind the boat had
just gone for him I in the evening
They bring news from home to Stone
Potatoes is said to be 6/6 per bus & flour 40/
I begin to think we are lucky to be here
we might have to go hungry I am in a hurry to hear more
particularly England has taken Cuba. So said the report

989 Wednesday August 29th

The weather continues the same with the exception of a
little more rain I have been the Sow Beaford Mercury
dated bearing date April 6th but so no news but the
trained of our new Petty Officers Mr. Howland has
again taken the reins in his own hands and I hope he will
drive the parties to mend the laity in debt any more.
Today I have finished the bowing fining round our the
Cases quite a long job Saw a ~~[illegible]~~ right away close to the ship

990 Thursday August 30th

The wind changed to the W. N. W. and raged with
greater fury Reduced sail to a close reef of M. topsail
Two ships in sight The Montauk went a strange

991 Friday August 30th.

The month of August has passed away So goes life
If we had stayed on Pollock we should have had
Cwt perhaps 1000 bbls by this time and about ready to
leave for the Islands but now we have taken but
160 bbls and perhaps shall not get any more or at
least the prospect is very poor at present. fog and
rain and nothing else all the time. Spent a whole
day but it is too foggy for stealing Have strange
[illegible] of a bit was for us but we lost
[illegible] standing from the Coast to S.E.