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Handwritten signature: *James M. Smith*

22nd day from home Saturday November 10th 1850
We are now safely moored at the Port of Honolulu
By being a better sailor than the ^{British} ^{Merchant} ship Captain
Thompson we got a pilot before we ^{of name} ^{of name} the war ship
of us in the morning. We were drawn in by 5
galleys of Oahu and dropped anchor in 5 fathoms of
water at 10 in the forenoon. We did not get her there
till about 3 in the afternoon. There are about 10 ships
inside the reef mostly whalers. One English Man of
war and two large Merchant ships one the ^{the} ^{the}
porpent which left for Hong Kong today and the other
the ^{the} ^{the} Hoopie. We got our ship safely moored
a boat was sent for the letter and returned with many
blanks for me with 27 new papers containing a ^{new} ^{new}
news. This new post so would have just finished reading.
Elder Damon made us a visit and distributed his paper
tracts and Christian Almanacs with great liberality
and was very much surprised to hear that we were
all Americans and had stuck to the ship during

1863. Sunday November 1st. The Capt. came on board in the morning and gave all hands liberty with the exception of 2 fore-noon. Last evening they had a boat and away we went ashore that wanted to and spent the evening. I had an excellent time to day. The Sailors home is as beautiful as it is convenient with a large reading room well supplied with papers of various languages and from nearly all parts of the world particularly the United States. There is a place and writing materials for poor jacks to write to their families. I did not finished yet but they work on it as fast as they can raise the gun. I attended the bath and heard Father preach a good sermon from the 1st chapter of 1st John. In the afternoon I attended the dedication of a new and beautiful little Methodist Chapel and the crowded congregation listened attentively to a well delivered sermon from the 1st chapter of 1st John. It was a real thing. I think much of their position here. There are about 1000 sailors there. I think there are