

Lying at anchor at the port of Auckland

1183 Tuesday March 11th 1856

The Starboard watch on Liberty with a dollar apiece for wages and
for the boatmen as usual. Took up the anchor before
daylight as it was thought to be foul. The Capt. has been on
board with 2 boats and 4 or 5 men to see the remarkably fine
famed junkie Whaler. Mr. Vinton was too late for the
boat so had to stay through the night. Last night a boat and
men drownded the fourth nearly saved his life by swimming a
long distance. One of them saved a wife and several children.
The wife is nearly crazy this evening as she was in the water in arms
of him and learned his fate she shrieked and fainting, some
of our men saw her and say it was a heart rending sight.

1184 Wednesday March 12th

The Starboard watch on Liberty and I for one have had
a good time though the weather has not been so pleasant
as usual. I gained some friends very unexpectedly
consisting of Blackland and wife and two very interesting
little girls of 9 and 12 years of age. It makes me think of my
John. Timm another of our men who secreted himself on board
at Honolulu got an honorable discharge and left in a
schooner at 35 dollars per month. Had some rain in the
morning and strong winds all day some goes to the theatre.

1185 Thursday March 13th

The Starboard watch on Liberty while the rest of us have
been doing small ship duty. The sailors bent our new jil
so they are all new sails now. The Carpenter and myself
fitting a new boat for whaling. In the afternoon me
and Mr. Oakman emptied three boxes of tobacco and
filled them with bricks to deceive the Custom House
Officers, the tobacco is to be smuggled on board of a vessel
to night. The Capt. made a visit and brought with
other gentlemen and all of my scrimshanking lot to be
exhibited which was a great curiosity to them.

1186 Friday March 14th

It is now 20 minutes past midnight and I have just retired
from the shore but have spent the afternoon and evening in the highly respectable
family of Mr. Clements consisting of his wife and two lovely
daughters of 9 and 12 years of age. The whole family were very
taken to day by the artist on shore. I whole heartily enjoyed the
for about 5 pounds each. Many of our crew went to the theatre
which was the case of our crew so late.

1187 Saturday March 15th 1856

The Starboard watch on Liberty and myself with them and I have
spent the day more pleasantly than any preceding it since I left
my home. I stopped looking for friends in the city and till
church hours and then accompanied the lovely and loving
family "hear the words of eternal life" Luke 23 chapter 33rd
"There they crucified him" and a beautiful sermon it was.
I returned with him and took dinner after which we all called
upon one Mr. Ward a merchant who gave us an invitation
to the night. Took tea with his interesting wife and two little girls
about the same age of Mr. Clements the eldest of which adopted
us with a few times of sacred music in the presence of the
Rev. Dr. and after which Mr. Ward recited a Prayer and Mr.
Clements made a beautiful prayer in which a rare and precious
was collected from them and amidst the prayers of his children.
He then attended divine service and had another treat by Rev.
Mr. Ward. The text will be found in John XII 26. He then
returned to Mr. Clements residence and spent some minutes in
reading singing and praying and then took an affectionate farewell
and christened I did so with a heart full of love for them especially
for the little ones. Heated daughters. We have been favored
with a visit from our lady and 6 or 8 gentlemen and ladies.

1188 Sunday March 16th

Unsuccessful in getting another run in shore again with the Starboard
watch though it was little expected by us as there was a raft of seals
of water with several other jobs. I had a beautiful time with my
little favorites the Clements girls who all most surprised me with
love and kindness. Was obliged to dine and take tea with them.
Several gentlemen and ladies have been on board to see our
junkies and satisfied to be so satisfied with the rare collection.

1189 Monday March 17th

Sold 2 bbls of whale oil to Mr. Clements at 6 shillings per gal
and Imperial measure which reduced it to 60 galls. Still that
30 business was transacted by me so of course I had a few
30 happy minutes with my little rump of love and gave them
60 an invitation on board and the girls Caroline & Elizabeth
came with Mr. Clements to the great satisfaction of all hands and
the little ones had a delightful time. They took tea with us after which
I took them on shore and had to take a second supper with Mr.
Clements the "Cara" charmed us with playing music from the Harmonium.
We were obliged to bid them good bye at 8 o'clock and came on board
with a boat load of boxes belonging to Mr. Hinkley a merchant
that is to go home with us as passengers.