

took place this morning, just as the morning watch was called, that many tend to destroy the peace and harmony that has so long existed between officers and crew. It was the 3d mate's watch, and when the man at the wheel was relieved Mr. B—, the 3d mate, asked him if he could not keep her nearer her course; the man replied that he kept her within half a point of her course, and that was as near as any man could steer a ship before the wind. Whereupon Mr. B— struck him, and they clinched and fell. The mate then came on deck and told Mr. B— to take a rope's end and lay it on till he was tired, which he did.

At sunrise the Esmeron was 4 miles ahead of us standing into Mongonoi. When we arrived in the bay, we set a signal for a pilot, and in a short time Capt. Williams, of the ship Jefferson, who had visited this port before, came off and took us in. The Esmeron had had arrived but a short time before us, as her crew were aloft furling her topsails. As soon as we dropped our anchors we sprang aloft and furlled our sails. We found lying here, recruiting, the Iris, of New London, Jefferson, of New London, and John Howland, of New Bedford.

The town of Mongonoi, if town it may be called, consists of about a dozen houses, the principal ones being, the tavern, where sailors get drunk, and fight, and the court-house where they try them for it. After furling our sails all hands turned to. We broke out the hold and got up our watercasks and becketed them, then got them overboard and made a raft. The 2d mate and a gang then took the raft in tow to fill. We got back with it about 6 o'clock, and rigged out a tuckle on our main yard-arm, when all hands tallied to the fall and hauled it on deck, which completed the work for the day. In the evening, we visited some of the ships just out from the States, to see if we could find any townies, and hear ought of the old folks at home.

2d All hands turned to at sunrise and broke out the fore hold. After breakfast the word was passed forward, "Get ready to go ashore, the starboard watch." We were not long in obeying the order, for in 20 minutes we were on deck, washed, shirted and shaved for a tramp among the hills of New Zealand. The captain then called us aft and gave us a short temperance lecture, and gave us a dollar apiece, for liberty money.