

The other watch then pulled us ashore in the boat. We found the starboard watch of the steamer, had arrived before us. The natives here are all tattooed - males and females. They are very peaceable, and friendly, but they love money, and for a few dollars they will hunt a sailor, who leaves his ship, to the death. We enjoyed ourselves as well as we could, and at sunset came on board, some few being a little knock-kneed, notwithstanding the captain's injunctions. During our absence the other watch had stowed down some water and got off a boat-load of wood.

3d Raining hard nearly all day. The larboard watch went on liberty after breakfast. Notwithstanding the rain we got off 13 casks of water and a boat-load of wood, and I wet through three suits of clothes during the operation. The ship Massachusetts, of Nantucket, 6 mos. out, bound to the North-west coast, arrived during the day, also a small schooner from Auckland. After finishing the work for the day, I went below and got on a dry suit of clothes, and was enjoying a comfortable smoke, when the mate came to the scuttle and sang out to let go the other anchor. We got on deck and found the Jefferson dragging

dragging her anchors and going on the rocks. As we lay nearer to the shore than she, we let go our starboard anchor, and then two boat's crews went on board the Jefferson to help them. We got back about 10 o'clock at night wet through. Raining and blowing. When we got on deck we found that the John Howland had dragged her anchors during the night and gone ashore. We sent them a boat's crew. They got off without much injury at high water. About 4 P.M. we hove up our anchors and forged ahead a ship's length and let them go again. We then ran a line ashore from our stern and made it fast, to keep her from swinging round and fouling her anchors.

5th The Iris shifted her position this morning. After she hove up her anchors, boats from all the ships took her in tow, and she took a position farther down the bay. The boats then hitched to the Jefferson and towed her to the outer bay, where she dropped her anchors. The starboard watch then went ashore on liberty. During the day one of our boat's crews, a Portuguese, got into a row with the natives, and broke some of their heads, but was