

Sandwich Islands March 1st 1783

These 24 hours commenced with a light breeze, and very pleasant through the day. The Starboard watch ashore on liberty, several humback on board in sight of the anchoring place.

Monday 1st employed through the day in washing ship. The Starboard watch on shore. The foremast commenced to paint ship this morning in the forenoon. At 10 AM the Capt. heard the Star boat, with the assistance of Mr. Allen (a man that lives ashore) they struck me and at 9 AM got him hooked along side. Star boat crew watching through the night and on the 4th commenced to cut him in. While engaged in cutting him in we were visited by a crowd of spectators from the shore, and among the number was the principal Subj. from the town of Tahaiia. After finishing cutting our whale, we took two more from the natives to cut in our shares got them done in about dark.

The 2nd commenced this morning to boil all the oil on deck through the day, standing by water through the night on the big melting works of notice. Sat 4th light breeze, finished morning boiling, ships arriving every day, all hands on deck through the day.

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At 13th this day commenced with a light breeze, at about 9 AM the second and third officers on board to duty. At 1 PM soon commenced to leave up, run a line to the ship. I ordered and sent three boats ahead and told past the ship. The small (Mr. Cwikwood) taking out strong breeze through the port and starboard of the night.

Monday 14th these 24 hours commenced with a strong breeze, at daylight made all sail, and light through the day, a heavy swell air, saw several species of birds, but could not find humbackes. On the night of 13. after we were out of the harbor all hands were employed in the waist. The Capt. gave a few orders, and made a few remarks, regard to the rigging, and then the officers had their boats crews, the boatmen staining the sails that they have belonged to the rigging. We have now five boats on the crane. The Capt. and four officers to head them.

At 15th these 24 hours commenced with a light