

Remarks on Board Bark Sun Laying in the Bay of Islands
Monday, April 8th 1861

8. This day begins with fine weather as usual. Watch engaged at stowing down the boiler filling water. bringing off wood and the like. Yesterday the climatal of New London lost one of her anchors and to day they were dragging for it all day and have found it but they have not succeed in getting it up as yet. This morning there was a small boat came in from out side from the Hudson; and their crew are again to stop on board of us all night. (then I suppose they will start for the ship again) then two Runaways stowed away on board of us one run away from the Marine the other from the Merchant Ship and they both want to ship with us. This afternoon one of the Auckland Packet came alongside of us and left some letters. our Third Mate has some idea of getting married to an English Girl out here she had been courted some years ago by his Brother and he has died so he is again to take his place. One of our men that is confined in the Caliber was Lupton and is not expected to live it happened sometime this afternoon. Carpenter has been enlarging our Storage some five feet to day so we shall have quite a comfortable place after that. Our Steward is still in bond and is like to remain there for sometime to come. Nothing of importance has transpired this day. Then cheer for the Bay of Islands.
Tuesday, April 9th

9. This day begins with stormy weather. this morning I went ashore after the Captain and he sent me on board again after his shoes & rubber jacket and several other small articles. then I came off and the Captain staid on shore all day. this forenoon we had a gang from the Bell on board of us and we had a grand good time. (I can tell you) some of them have been singing telling heart stories. playing cards and such thing. one of the crew (one the Cooper) came on board of us and brought some Rum with him and he got light and turned into one of the deities in the storage. Carpenter has been on board of the Bell and staid until after supper this evening the Third Mate and some of the men forward has gone ashore. (but I thought it rather more comfortable on board the ship) the Third Mate has gone to see his lady (I suppose) and the rest of them do staid around the place. It is still raining and so ends the day. End night

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Wednesday, April 10th

10. This day begins with thick weather with some rain. this morning I went ashore after the Captain at 6 o'clock and waited until after seven then we came off and got breakfast. About 9 A.M. I carried him ashore again and came off after some Butler and landed it at Mr. Stephenson's Store, then was a wedding on shore and all the Captain's attended it. After it was over they all came up to Mr. Stephenson's Parapet Alley and rolled (and I kept some for them) then the (the man) asked me in to take some rum with them and in I went and then they started on their wedding tour. This afternoon I was on shore all the time and came off at 5 o'clock and got supper. the Watch has been engaged in getting off wood and stowing the boiler. so ends this day. (wishing you all good night) & cheer

Thursday, April 11th 1861

11. This day begins with stormy weather and a strong breeze from the E. This day begins at anchor as usual. Watch engaged painting ship getting wood: this morning I went ashore after the Captain as usual and got on board about 3 o'clock. got breakfast and carried some things on board the Bell of Fair Havens then carried the Captain to his brother ashore. after being there about fifteen minutes I happened to look towards the Fair and saw that our Boat was adrift and after some trouble succeeded in getting her again. This afternoon I went ashore and staid until about 5 o'clock then we came off and carried some care on board the Bell and staid to supper then we started with about 5 of them crew and went on shore again and engaged around until about nine then we came off and had a sociable chat until the Boat came alongside with the men from shore and carried them on board then ship again. the Carpenter has got our place turned end over end. It day but will have it finished again tomorrow if nothing happens. Cooper has been on board the Bell all the evening and has just come on board with a bag full of nuts and is having a dispute with the Steward about naming changed. Went to with him to day. The Captain has shipped a new Steward to day and is again to have him come on board Saturday afternoon. The old man is again to take our Runaway Boat down back again tomorrow forenoon. this evening has been fine until 11 o'clock then it commenced to rain again. End night