

Remark on Shore at the Bay of Islands. at Mr.
Monday, April 15th.

15. This day began with cloudy weather and a light breeze from the N. ship still lying at anchor. Watch employed about decks and getting some more water. This morning I went ashore after the Captain about 6 A. Clock and got on board at half past eight and all hands had run to breakfast. I was after mine in a few moments after getting aboard and I had a grand good one sand for me (a satisfaction of back) and I soon made way with it. This afternoon I went ashore and then I found some of the Illinois men in a fight and they split one of the Illinois heads open and would have killed him had not some of the folks ashore interfered and put a stop to it. I stopped two or three more that they would have run in and got me thanked for it. And the Captain told me to come away and let them fight there. Our battalions I done as he commanded. This is the most degraded place that ever I was in. There is always some one drunk and in a fight of some kind or rather, I am now again to get supper so good. Bye for the present. This evening I was on shore and as soon as I landed on the pier the Captain sent me off after some Refreshments for Mrs. Baker and Captain Baker met me on the beach and took the stake and I went up to visit Thursday's and stand until half past eight. Then I started for the Bowling Alley and then I found the boys and then I came on board to bring the second mate and some men belonging to the Belle (which stopped on board of us) and the second mate of the Illinois. Then I went ashore after the mate and got on board about 10 A. Clock and got the boat on the ground and then we found that the Cook, Carpenter, Cooper & the Foremast hand had eloped and so we had to go on shore again to tell the Captain. But after looking everywhere we could imagine we came off no better than we went away. John Reynolds has shipped substitute in my place to day and this evening takes his station amongst the rest of us. This afternoon the third mate and a boat's crew went after some more Puchogs and got back about ten A. Clock with about 3 Bushels which was not half so many as I got with only two men. Our Steward is still in town and there I suppose he will stay until the ship sails. Nothing more for to day so good night to you all.

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16. This day began with fine weather lying at anchor as of late. Watch employed getting dinner, washing out the boat. Boat &c. This morning I went after the Captain and brought him aboard and then took him on board the boat to get breakfast. Then we went ashore and got our men out of the Cal. Dred and brought them on board and put them in front. Then I went ashore again and stand until dinner time. Then an hour of the nation's game after our runways and I suppose they will bring them all back again tomorrow. We are again to haul out in the stream this afternoon and get ready for going to sea. But our men having gone will detain the ship some time I expect. Our third mate has got the mitten and has sent her imitation back and also got his. The nation of it was in account of her old Beau coming back which she thought had been telling stories about her but they all proved to be false and so she has gone back to him again. This afternoon I went up to see if Mrs. Thursday had got Mrs. Haine's shirt washed and they said I could get it to night. But I guess I shall not go on shore as I expect some boys from other ships to night. This afternoon the Gazelle came in this afternoon about 3 A. Clock and I carried Capt. Baker off on board of her and then I found Mr. Lapham, his Brother, John Bennett, Asa Lippard, Samuel Toller, George Hammond, Melian, Broth. Humphrey, Henry, Charles Davis & a few others which I cannot think the names off. This afternoon our new Steward came aboard drunk and I got him into the Cooper's berth and then he slept until about 9 A. Clock when he woke and wanted know where he was. After finding himself on board the Bark he wanted to get ashore and get a drink. But I guess he will be sometime before he gets another chance to get drunk. This evening the folks were all on board of us and we had a grand good time singing and talking over some affair and hearing something about whaling voyager. I gave Humphrey a box of soap to divide between himself and Dan. Our runways are confined in time (on deck day time) and in the hole nights, the other runways have not been caught as yet.