

Remarks on Board Bark Sun at the Bay of Islands

Wednesday April 17th

17. This day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the N. Ship laying at anchor this morning three of our men run away again about 4 o'clock but they were soon found again (two of them) the other is amongst the milling at yet at 1 o'clock to go ashore with the Third Mate and was passing an old shop & told him that it looked to me like rather a suspicious place and he laid lay alongside and I did so at 2 o'clock as we got on board we were satisfied and on going into the hold we found two of them stowed away in the forepeak under an old piece of canvas: there were two that had tried it before and were in bond but they broke them and swam on board of her and thought they were safe but they got disappointed, we brought them on board and put new bond on them: and stowed them in the Run when they will remain until the ship goes to sea, this afternoon we got three more of the chaps that under took to hook it and they are all confined in bond about 3 P.M. we hauled the ship out into the stream to prevent any more from running ashore: and in so doing we ran into the Belle and cracked her keel for her just aft of the gangway, that is all the damage we gave to her, to mend we broke the after Mast and some spars which was over the stern, this evening I carried the Captain ashore and then went on board the Gazelle and got supper, after 7 I went in and got him and set him on board of the Belle: and from there I went on board the Gazelle again and staid until about 9 o'clock, then we went on shore after the Third Mate and came off on board again, I got some Whales teeth from Chas. Davis and also from Humphrey and they are marked beautifully for me & given I think, Our Third Mate and his girl are all right once more and he is the happiest fellow you ever saw, she and her old man had a talk together this morning and they came to the conclusion not to have any more to do with each other: so he is all right again and I am glad for him, I will close by wishing you all good night.

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18. This day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the N. Ship laying at anchor this morning I went ashore after the Captain and staid there until about noon then we came off to dinner and wrote two letters which was the first I have written since I have been in this place. Yesterday they caught our Cooper & Carpenter and they are confined in the Caldo: and tomorrow we are again to bring them off on board the ship, in the afternoon I was on board the ship until about 6 o'clock then we went alongside the Gazelle and left two of our men there we went ashore and then we found some of the Gazelle's boys and we went to scranading, first we went to Captain Cook and sung about an hour: then we went down to Captain Baker's and gave them a duff: from thence to Johnson's: and then we staid until we started for the ship, we went to the Gazelle and staid a little while and then came on board, that is all for this day: so good night to all both great and small.

Friday, April 19th

19. This day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the N. Ship laying at anchor this morning I went ashore and carried a sledge anchor and staid on board the Gazelle for a few moments and then went ashore and staid until after 1 o'clock, I was up to see Miss Flowerday for a few moments: and raised the old Harry until I got tired: and then started for the Bark Sun again, and after rather a cracked passage, we got her, in the first place we went alongside the Belle and left some papers and from there to the Gazelle and got dinner and had a short game then staid, the morning Captain Baker and his wife went on board the ship: and on calculating to sail again Monday if the weather is suitable, this evening we went ashore and brought off the Cooper & Carpenter and put them in bond: and staid them away in the main hatchway the same as the rest of them, that is all that is worth mentioning so I will close. Good night to all