

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, of

Lat 04°30 north Monday March 17th 1862
Light variable winds with rainy weather Working
along N W Carrying all sail.

Lat 04°46 Lon 162°14 Tuesday 18th
Forepart light variable northerly winds By the
wind on the starboard tack under all sail. In
the latter part strong northeasterly winds
Steering W N W under prudent sail.

Lat 05°53 Lon 158°55 Wednesday 19th
Middling strong northeasterly winds with squalls
Steering W N W. Forepart all sail, latter part under easy sail.

Thursday 20th
Moderate easterly winds with rain squalls Steering
W N W till 3 o'clock N W, then laid aback till
daylight, then kept on our course again. About 7 A.M.
raised the island of Ascension ahead about 12 miles
off. About 9 A.M. took a pilot and came to an anchor
with the larboard anchor in 10 fathoms, or deep water
harbor between ten and 11 A.M. in about 28 fathoms
of water. Sent a raft of casks in to the watering place
in the afternoon to fill with fresh water.

Friday 21st
Forepart light easterly wind In the afternoon the wind
hauled around to the S W and blew quite fresh in squalls,
let go the starboard anchor but finding that the
ship was still too near to the reef for safety we
ran the kedge anchor to the opposite reef with a
hawser, took the starboard anchor off of the bottom
warped the ship away from the reef and let go
the starboard anchor again. Latter part calm.

Saturday 22nd
Light easterly winds At an anchor at Ascension.
Today being Sunday here, there is no work going on.

Bedford Sound on a Cape Horn whaling voyage. 1862

Sunday 23rd March
Light easterly winds. One watch ashore
Employed at getting water and fire wood.

Monday 24th
Light easterly winds with some rain. One
watch on shore. Employed getting wood and water.

Tuesday 25th
Light easterly winds Laying at an anchor at Ascension.
Employed at getting off fresh water and firewood.
One watch on shore on liberty. So ends the day.

Wednesday 26th
Moderate easterly winds with northerly
variations and some rain. One watch on shore,
the other employed at getting off firewood.

Thursday 27th
Light northeasterly winds, with some rain. Still at
Ascension. One watch ashore. Got off some fire wood.

Friday 28th
Light winds from the northward and eastward
with some rain. One watch ashore on liberty,
the other employed at getting wood on board of the ship.

Saturday 29th
Light variable winds with plentiful rains.
Still laying at Ascension. One watch on liberty.

Sunday 30th
Light northeasterly winds. The ship at an anchor
at Ascension. One watch on shore on liberty,
the other employed at getting off firewood.

Monday 31st
Light northeasterly winds. Employed at getting
firewood on board. One watch on liberty.
Horace Walker deserted from the ship.

30th William Kanaka deserted