

Journal of Ship William Thompson

Saturday March 25

Plenty of wind sailing along in fine Will Land in sight about 70 miles off hope to be in about 3 or 4 o'clock all hands in good spirits thinking of water Melons other delicious fruits peculiar to this most favoured climate

Longitude 156° 30' W

Latitude 21° 00' S

Sunday March 26 1843

We are now lying at anchor, all hands are getting ready to go on shore except a boat crew who remain on board to keep ship, men spent the day some went to church others went out of town to walk and enjoy themselves, in various ways about dinner time all hands brought up at the Coopers where they got dinner after noon was spent pretty much in the same way about 6 o'clock we all went at the boat and went on board

Monday 27 1843

Got ready the cash to send on shore for water all hands being on board the had plenty of goats and sweet potatoes for they lived high, at night a good many boats from the ships came to game so it made it quite pleasant, these chaps gave our fellows a little an insight into the way they should procure any little things they might want while lying here and many other funny little tricks they played

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Tuesday March 28 1843

The males which went on shore to day plenty of Ladies and plenty of fine fruit in abundance and the only good quality in this place is that you can get things for almost any thing you want if you have some recruits for the ship off to day, ducks being very plenty, we have them three times a day, stewed byed roast or in the shell as the name of street, oysters whole day, indeed we go quite on the canal street plan, all hands down at the boat at 10 o'clock

Wednesday March 29 1843

The Captains watch went on Liberty to day, each of all went to see the Ladies in being the fashion to attend them or going ashore the first thing that makes me feel so much better when one does ones duty you are enveloped with their easy manner of conversation and you can take a great many little Liberties which are not fashionable in our country as to beauty I cannot say much for that I did not see good looking women all the time I have been here but what the love in good looks they make up in other ways