

1843 Journal of Ship William Hunt
March 30

Thursday March 30 1843
Bates, watch, went on
Liberty to day, first thing,
the Ladies I don't know what
I ought to call those Ladies
things; however we went to them
first, from that to Mrs Coopers
this being head quarters for
sailors in this city, here
we met a good many of our
country men pretty well gone
and very convivial. Their
conversation was principally
on cutting in whales which
they do with surprising
quickness & run the risk of the
day gambling with the natives

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Captains watch went
on shore to enjoy themselves &
being much more pleasant now
all hand being acquainted. First
thing went to Mrs Coopers where
Hawley got drunk before dinner
time and made quite a fool of himself
as usual, Arthur and Francisco
were present in the fore, but not
without some pole fighting and
a good deal of trouble though the
natives were not down to
this evening left John Hawley
but he was brought on board
by some boat. He was in a
high state of spirits and began
forth with to speak - for the
edification of a few select
whales from the Curry