

At New Orleans (Louisiana)

Friday April 20th 1832. At Sunrise went on board Brig
Oliver to see the Captain and commence duty as 1st Officer.
As Capt. Cooper was not up, waited till 7 A.M. when he
made his appearance & told me what he wished to have
done, and that he wished me to hire two men and come
with them after breakfast, and proceed on with the work.
Hired 2 accordingly, and in the first place made up the
Span Sail lying on deck exposed to the weather & tramping
over with muddy feet. Afterwards cleaned his run taking
out that which could be got at which appeared to be
a depository of the sweepings of the cabin ever since she
was built. Stowed the after hole and put down all the
Span Sails. Dined on board with Capt. Cooper. After
Dinner got two of the best Water Casks and stowed
them away in the after hole and filled them with water
from alongside. Accepted for 32 Bales Cotton from Opden's Ship
Cleaned the decks as well as possible on the larboard side
and found a scupper under the wood in one place, Brooms in
another, Hatchet in another, Tar Brushes in another and so
on, in like manner, every thing appearing as if the Brig
had been lying there for some time without any care or
attention from any one. At a few moments past P.m.
the Stevedores Gang taking in Hides from shore, the Captain
of the Brig who until that hour had appeared a very
pleasant agreeable man, asked me from the top of the
Stairs where the men had gone. I told him, why Sir, have
not you paid them for their labor and discharged them?
No, but he then says, Where is the Stevedore? I told him
I believed some of them were still getting Hides on board
as I had heard him say till then they must all go below
that night. Part of the Hides lying on the Hatch he asked
how I was to get the Hatches on as I was alone on board. I
told him I would see the Hatches put on, after the Hides
were below. He then told me he thought we could not
agree and I had better go ashore, making my Bill

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and he would settle it and also gave me much abusive
language without a word of provocation, and scarcely one
spoken, on my part. I accordingly put on my Coat and
left the ignorant and intemperate man, conscious of having
done more than most men would have done under like
circumstances. In the evening he came into the Bar Room
of the house where I boarded when I made off my bill for
one day's services at the rate of \$35 per Month & he paid it.
I then asked him what fault he had to find, but he
answered nothing, and after giving vent to my thoughts and
feelings, left him sitting like a lump of stupidity & pride.
Retired to rest well fatigued & disappointed.

Saturday April 21st Saw Capt. Bishop to day at Mr.
J. H. Soley's Counting Room. He informed me William had
left for Mobile. I also related to him the success I had met
with on board the down east Brig & my determination to
return to Providence without something favorable offered
in a few days. He told me as before that if he knew of any
situation he would inform me. Warm weather and dusty
Sunday April 22nd Fair pleasant weather. Attended Church
at the Rev Mr. Clapp's. But how different this place from
the good old customs of New England. Here most of the
Stores are open till noon & the Prays thundering along the
Levy the same as any other day. Yet still, some who
have been brought up in the way of Religion meet
at their Houses of Worship amid all this din of noise
& confusion, but they are mostly people from the Northern States.

Monday April 23rd Much bustle and stir to day in consequence
of the Execution of three ~~Prisoners~~ ^{Prisoners} which took
place at 12 minutes before 1 P.M. in the Public Square.
The Troops & Military were out to make a very handsome
appearance. It was thought by some that there would
have been disturbances but none occurred, owing no doubt
to so formidable a body of the Military being on the ground.
I had a view of the scene from the Mast head of a ship by