

Journal at Sea

March 24 Sunday morning commenced with
squalls from the N.E. Steering on the wind
till noon when we were becalmed so that we made
sail again in the afternoon we raised strong
wind and we kept off for the evening

March 25 Monday morning commenced with squalls
of rain from the land we are sailing down
the coast and waiting for the boats to come
off but they did not come so we kept
the ship off W.N.W. for Ascension

March 26 Tuesday morning fair and pleasant with strong
wind from the N.E. Steering W.N.W. we
raised two Islands of our lee bow and
we passed them bound for Ascension

March 27 Wednesday morning commenced with squalls
and rain from the N.E. Steering S.E. in the
afternoon we raised the land called Ascension

March 28 Thursday morning fair and pleasant with
strong breezes from the N.E. Steering for the
harbour we took the pilot and came
to anchor and furled the sails and washed
the ship there is six ships in port

March 29 Friday morning fair and pleasant laying
at anchor we are busy getting off water
and wood

March 30 Saturday morning we have some rain
at intervals watch on liberty and the
whole ship full of portulacot came in
to anchor

March 31 Sunday morning fair and pleasant with one
watch on shore we are laying at anchor

April 1 1844 Monday morning rain from the N.E.
we are busy getting off water and the
Captain is busy buying game and oranges

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April 2 1844 Tuesday morning fair and pleasant still
laying at anchor

April 3 Wednesday morning fair and pleasant
with the weather calm and pleasant and
we got under way and put to sea
laying off and on waiting for the
other ship

April 4 Thursday morning fair and pleasant with
light breeze from the N.E. at 4 P.M. we
lowered down two boats and went in
to the harbour to give them a tour out
and we are now steering N.W.

April 5 Friday pleasant at 10 A.M. we came in sight of
the Ravens Island a group of small islands
with long reefs running from one island to
another on the largest island there
were two more white men at 8 P.M. we left
went in his boat to the largest island where
there were white men and some natives are the
only inhabitants besides a few women and
children at 10 P.M. we left the harbour
two white men and two natives came on board
bringing out for trade for hogs coconuts and poultry
we made standing off and on with the
islands and at 11 P.M. we were in the open sea

April 6 Saturday this day commenced with rain
continuing till dusk when two boats
went ashore for hogs at 4 P.M. the boats came
off with 15 large hogs a few coconuts and
some other stuff away at 6 P.M.

April 7 Sunday commenced with rain from
the N.E. Steering on the wind to
the Northward bound for Japan