

Remarks on board the Ship James Stewart

Sunday 5th Decr 1842

Continued on the quarterdeck and one man the cooper Their names was John Justin and M... they seized hold of an axe and went to work destroy the paint locker door trying to get in for some rope yarns at 8 hours dropped anchor in 13 fathom water furlled the sails and one boat came off from the ship but would not come along side as we did not offer any help and returned again the ship might be in no water at Hochock, the well was constantly full and the pumps were tried but no water in the hold. Capt. Dockham stood watch all night the morning day ends at 12h at midnight and I commence the night day.

Sunday 18th Decr 1842

At 6h AM I lowered one boat from the ship and went on shore and entered my complaint to the acting Consul and brought him on board also the two pilots came off and got the ship under weigh and anchored her at 1h 30m PM in a place of safety the Consul then called all hands aft and enquired into their complaint they made a great many frivolous stories which he said came to no grounded complaint what ever he then talked to them and advised them but they would have nothing but have their discharge he then went on shore at 2h PM him and the pilots the ship making no water sounding the wells every hour at 7h PM set three watches and divided the ships company into three I took the first watch the third mate the second the second mate the morning watch with orders to call Capt. Dockham at daylight the 1st mate Mr Jackson in deep consultation with the ships company as usual so ends this day

On a whaling voyage to the Pacific Decr

Sunday 12 Feb 1843

Blowing a fresh gale from the south with heavy rain throughout the day

Monday 13 Feb 1843

Clear weather and light airs from the south arrived here today U.S. Sloop Boston from China via Society Islands

Tuesday 14 Feb 1843

Light airs and clear weather variously employed at small jobs on board

Wednesday 15 Feb 1843

Pleasant weather and light breezes employed getting water on board today

Thursday 16 Feb 1843

Clear weather and pleasant breezes from the south shocking work going on here the British consul and the Commander of the British ship compells us to take the old crew on board again or then the ship shall not go to sea the Captain will abandon her before he will sail with them again and so the ship is lying here doing nothing nor I am getting no wages for the lost time

Friday 17 Feb 1843

Pleasant clear weather and light breezes from the South East what hands are on board are employed mending small jobs in the rigging

Saturday 18 Feb 1843

Buttry clear weather and strong breezes from the North sounds this day

Sunday 19 Feb 1843

Calm and very hot weather throughout the day