

Journal

Thursday 10th August 1843

Got up at nine washed shaved dressed and walked down town to hear what news was stirring there happened to be nothing went twice to try and see the British Consul but could not as he was not within visited the American Consuls and read some news papers Lord Paulet gave a dinner to day to the Officers of the different ships lying in harbour and received the American Consul with a salute the U.S. ship Lyman talking the Bark Honolulu arrived here to day from the western Islands

Friday 11 August

Got up at half past seven got breakfast and walked out saw the British Consul to day and he referred me to the Admiral and see what he would do for me enquired of him what he intended to do with the ship when she arrives here the answer he gave me was that he would send her home if she was full as he had no doubt she would as the crew promised to do all they could to get her full so with that I left him walked for several miles into the country in the cool of the evening

Saturday 12 August

Got up at seven dressed got breakfast and walked down town a whale barge came into the harbour this morning saw the Capt and tried to ship his second mate as he said his officers and crew was going to leave him but came to me understanding returned home in the heat of the day visited my doctor in the afternoon and paid my bill borrowed some book from a merchant and read to 12 o'clock at night

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Sunday 13 August 1843

Kept house all day and passed the time reading saw no one to day dressed in the evening and took a walk in the country for several hours

Monday 14 August

Got up at seven dressed and walked down town full in with Mr. Black mate of the bark Elizabeth went through the town with him and went on board and took dinner with him came on shore and had an interview with the Secretary of Admiral Thomas stated my case to him he said that the Admiral could not interfere with me at all but left it be settled at home he further stated he should see the Consul and enquire why he should refuse me Consulate protection and to call on him in a day or two his advice was to try and get home as quick as possible and see my owners

Tuesday 15 August

Got up at seven dressed and walked down town to the barbers with my razors visited the Barge Elizabeth and took dinner on board came on shore and spent the afternoon in a ballen alley very sultry and hot throughout the day this is shocking dull times owing to there being so few whale ships in port

Wednesday 16 August

Rose at half past seven and sallied down to see went to different Mercantile houses to hear what news were stirring at half past two I went to the Admirals office and saw the Secretary he said there was no man of war here at present going home and no merchant ship or then they would send me home and that it would be all chance whether there would be any for ten months and his advice was to try and get home to any place by this whale ship in port which is the only way I can do at present