

Journal

Thursday 17 August 1843

Rose at seven got breakfast then shaved and dressed took a walk down the street saw a regular Kanakka row of several dozen people after an Kanakka who was trying the 1st game of murdering people he was scoured at last and taken to the port went on board the Elizabeth and spent the fore noon with Mr Black saw a man on board with lead all round his body trying to draw Mercury out of his bones parts of the lead was so brittle that if you handled it it would break from the effects of the Mercury coming out of his body in the evening took a walk out to hear the band of the U S Ship United States who were playing at the American Consulate who has gave a splendid party to the Officers of the different ships in Port

Friday 18 August

Got up at half past seven dressed and got breakfast walked down the street fell in with Mr Black went up to the Hotel and played away an hour or two playing checkers returned home in the heat of the day and had a comfortable smoke the Old woman was away washing the dirty clothes so I had the house to my self two ships sailed yesterday one for China the other for some of the western Islands in the evening took a walk into the Country for several miles some one tried to enter my house this night but I heard them and went out to see who it was but they had fled

Saturday 19 August

Got up at nine dressed and had breakfast took a walk out to hear the news of the morning but very little was stirring the ship United States sailed today destination not known it is reported that Lord George Poulet is to proceed to sea before long the ships from the North West is not making their appearance as yet spent the afternoon on board the Elizabeth

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Wednesday 23 August 1843

Got up at half past seven dressed and walked out to hear the news but nothing particular was stirring the weather is Exceptionally hot here at present and the wind from the South for the first time for more than six weeks past the Carryport could not get out today the wind blowing directly up the harbour two men ran away from the U S Ship Carryport but got caught again by Marines stationed on shore by Lord Poulet

Thursday 24 August

Rose at seven this morning and took a stroll down town heard of there being a regular row on board the ship I intend going home in and of the first mate going to leave her on account of the second mate and him not being able to agree together the Captain sent for me and requested me to go with him as second mate which I refused to do upon the grounds of perhaps some one would say that I was taking the situation out of the Mate's hands but I had to consent on account of him promising to take me home a few days ago and he not being able to procure any other person competent to take the situation and to go on board on Monday to begin duty there was another drunken scrape on board here this afternoon and the steward got nearly killed he having ran at the Mate with an axe when the second mate struck him with a blow on the head with his fist and they took him up for dead but he recovered after some time

Friday 25 August

Got up at seven dressed and took a stroll down town to hear what news was stirring but there was nothing particular to talk about the Carryport sailed this afternoon she was twelve minutes from the time she sent her men aloft to loose her sails until she had her anchor and was under stearage way out of the harbour