

Pitts Passage

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Monday December the 6th 1864

The Capt cut his hand

Bound South

N.E. end of Boiro

This day commences with

Light wind from South blowing to north through the passage, the island of Poulha Besser bearing W. at 12 o'clock saw a sail reported from above steering to the N. called her a merchantman. Cook blood at cooping Oil.

Wednesday 7th

This day begins with light variable winds, and Calms, current setting us E about 1 knot per hour, at 4 o'clock saw two sails steering to the Eastward, employed as usual at ship duty, such as cooping and making preparations for stowing Starboard side Blubber room. This day while at work in Blubber room being away a beam to put a back the Capt cut his right hand very bad with the Coopers Axt.

Thursday 8th

This day calm and clear. Men employed at taking down Oil in the Starboard side of Blubber room, raised up and cooping them should be proved to be true.

Of Lissamattula Island

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Friday December the 9th 1864

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This day a light Air from the N.W. heading N.E. by the wind being to get around the East end of Lissamattula. Some have given up trying to get through Pitts Passage, took out of the hold for provision, the island Lissamattula bearing N.W. Dist. 3 miles.

Sat 10th

This day light air & calm. the island of Lissamattula and Obt. Major in sight. Obt. bearing about N.W. by W. 20 miles off. At 5 o'clock a good smart breeze from N.W. men employed at ship duty. Saw a number of schools of Blk Fish.

Sun 11th

Commences with light winds from N.W. by W. Obt. Major bearing N.E. distant 8 miles. Men employed at ship duty. All was quiet during the day. Several adjacent isles in sight.

Mon 12th

This day light variable wind. Little Ob in sight bearing E. N.E. 10 miles Dist. at 11.30. N.W. raised a large breach across the water. but could not see for it being so far off.