

Barge Brunett lying at St Helena

Tuesday commenced with fresh breezes and heavy squalls at 12 PM the Consul came on board: all hands were summoned to the quarter deck the Consul read the 1843 complaint and read the B. & L. laws to them respecting mutinies read to 22 C and tried every way to get them to return to their duty he then had the vessel pumped after she had been standing 45 hours; it took four & half minutes to free, sucked at 270 or about 6 strokes per hour he told them the leak was so trifling it was not worth mending. Capt Luce protested against taking to sea with him John Holmes Wm G Rhodes Wm Goodrich James Caswell & Thomas Graton the Consul & Capt finding all were determined not to any more duty went on shore and sent three Police officers on board; took the five above mentioned on shore and lodged them safely in Prison: at sunrise the Capt came on board told me to set the rest on board to work picking oakum to cork the ship with this they refused to do at 8 AM Capt Luce went on shore
So ends

Wednesday fresh breezes and squally weather after dinner Capt Luce May 17th Consul then Ship Master and a Ship Carpenter came on board held a survey of the vessel; the ship was pumped after standing 24 hours took 2 1/2 minutes to free her at 5 or 6 strokes per hour: all hands were again called aft and the report of the survey read to them which was the vessel was found seaworthy in every respect but they were not satisfied consequently Capt Luce by advice had eight of them put in irons and secured to a flyke chain in the blubber room: Tahiti town Drum Cooper had one of his fingers severely injured while assisting the survey in the fore peak Earl Yager and Edward Horron got out of irons during the night and retired to the fore castle at daylight I replaced them again. Capt on shore So ends this 24 hours

E M Luce Master

Thursday May 18th commenced with fresh breezes and fair weather at 1 PM 1843 the Prisoners on shore sent for the Capt and wanted to go on duty again at 5 PM Chas A Bosc complained of being ill was sorry for his bad conduct and felt perfectly willing to go on duty; James Johnson & Earl Yager were also ill; after breakfast let them all come on deck and stay about three hours then replaced them again with care: about 8 AM the Capt came on board stopped about an hour then went on shore in pursuit of more men at noon John Holmes Wm G Rhodes Wm Goodrich & Thomas Graton came on board after their clothing having shipped to the whaling Brig Mary Ann of London by consent of Capt Luce; middle & latter part strong gusts of wind and frequent rain squalls So ends this 24 hours; let go the 2 anchor

Friday

May 19th commenced with strong gusts of wind with frequent rain squalls crew all peaceable at 1 PM Capt came on board sided Stephen Hamblin & Edward Horron up to the main rigging gave the former twenty five lashes the latter sixteen and pickled their backs down took them out of the rigging and replaced them in irons again; took Earl Yager out of irons & put him a cooking which he seemed very willing to do: So ends this 24 hours

Saturday

May 20th commenced with moderate breezes and rainy weather at 2 AM Capt Luce came on board took Josephus Marsh Chas A Bosc James Johnson and Stephen Hamblin out of irons all went to their duty willingly; shipped John B Lane & Henry Smith as seamen; at 9 AM hove up the small anchor and stowed the chain below; middle & latter part much the same employed in getting ready for sea So ends this 24 hours