14 November 1832

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Schooner Rapid

Copy
Schooner Rapid
Log book

Copy of
Captain Ross's Jour-
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The owners Mess.rs Horsfall
& Tobin
Liverpool

Nov.r 30. 1832 at 8 AM
Gov.r Mestivier was
murdered by the
Soldiers —

Captain Ross

Copy of the Journal kept by Capt Roe on board Schooner Rapid of Liverpool

Friday Nov 30 1832 variable — Throughout this day we have had fresh & squally breezes with rain — I got the side repaired & caulked that being the place where she made the water. At 8 A.M. the troops of the Island mutinied against their Commander, stabbed & shot him dead in his own kitchen, dragged him out to the green and buried him about two hours after they committed the deed — his wife was in a deplorable case but could not render any assistance whatever at the time — I charged all our small arms and one of our guns as they threatened to murder us and take the Schooner

Saturday Dec 1 1832

First part of this day we have had fresh breezes and clear weather — all hands on board ready to defend ourselves and vessel — Nothing but soldiers flying about fixed bayonets & horsemen flying in every direction — At 6 P.M. saw a Ship beating up the sound — At 9.30 P.M. saw the troops muster with their arms and come down towards us — called all hands to be in readiness to jump the moment they discharged one shot. They crossed our bows, halted, went through some maneuvres and marched up again leaving a guard of 7 men close ahead of us — At 10 P.M. I went down to the Ship

and found her to be the Jean Jacques of St Maloes a french whaler – I communicated what had happened on the Island and he said he should come up afternoon crossline *

Sunday Dec 2 1832

Weather the same as yesterday – could do nothing to the stem as the water did not fall enough – at 2 P.M. the Captain of the whaler came up with 2 boat and crews we went up together 5 of his Officers following and saw the real state of the troops we went and saw the Commandants Lady & found her in a pitiful condition – we then consulted what we could or should do when we concluded that it would be an act of humanity to remove her from the place & place her on board the whaler until she recovered which was instantly put in execution – The Captain of the troops and Mr Metcalf embracing the same opportunity for the safety of their lives with Mr Dixon the storekeeper

* crossline Dec 1 1832

At 10 A.M I received a paper ordering me to send my 2 boats up to the guard to which I answered by going up to the Captain of the troops to enquire into the reason – to which he said he wanted them under his own eye for he was afraid that the soldiers would stave or burn them as he had little or no command over them – At noon I hauled them up according to his request –

Monday Dec 3 1832

P.M. the weather pleasant but fresh breeze
at P.M the Captain of the whaler came up
with 3 boats and crews – he & I went up
in amongst the troops and informed them what
we were going to do – all was granted which
was to send down the most valuable
of the effects of the late Commandante
to his lady, which we did, an inventory
of which I have – At 6 A.M. the Carpenter
getting the piece of wood ready to go in
the stern – At 8 A.M. the Carpenter begged
of me to save his property from the vi=
=olence of the Soldiers to which I complied
sent off a boat & crew with the mate
and Carpenter with a letter to the Capt.
of the troops and he would give them farther
orders

Tuesday Dec. 4 1832

Weather the same as yesterday, nothing done
to the stern the water not having fallen enough
Part of the troops surrendered and were put on
board the whaler – One of my boats & myself
with two of theirs took them down – The Carpenter
solicited me to receive them on board here &
to protect their property from the violence of the
Soldiers (this was the second time for in the forenoon
we were engaged) to which I immediately complied
and despatched a boat & crew down to the place where

they were working and took what the boat could not take on board of the French ship and brought one cargo up to the Schooner consisting of 5½ bags bread 2 barrels of do 1 Piece of beef with the tool chest &c &c going to embrace the first opportunity of getting the rest of their concerns on board of the Schooner – we got one of the pieces in the stern to day

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Wednesday Dec 5 1832 variable

To day we have had pleasant weather finished the stern and coppered it – Owing to the mutinous condition of the inhabitants here 8 of them came on board for safety which I received and told them I should protect them –

Thursday Dec 6 1832

Throughout this day we have had pleasant weather – the troops of the Island still on board the French Ship & 8 men on board All hands on board still in readiness for defence – completed both sides of our stern and made ready for hauling out.

Friday Dec 7 1832

To day we got off the beach and at 7 A.M. we came to an anchor in 4 fathoms water in Port Louis bay – Noon pleasant weather – the people on shore still in an un=settled condition

Monday Dec 10 1832

First and middle part blustering weather At 8 A M put the prisoners in double irons and placed them in the forecastle with a guard over them leaving orders at the same time to give them their victuals the same as our own crew

I got some boards up from the point to make an arm chest to put their arms in as it was my request to have them on board the schooner & likewise their ammunition

Tuesday Dec 11 – 1832

Throughout this day we have had moderate weather – received on board 11 Muskets and 10 Bayonet & 7 Cartouch boxes likewise the ammunition accor=ding to my request as I deemed it necessary that it should be on board

Wednesday Dec 12 1832

Throughout this day we have had light winds and pleasant weather —— Hands employed as most necessary – One of the prisoners sick – I doctored his head but still keep him in Irons —

Saturday Dec 8 1832

To day we have had light winds & a boats crew employed taking water on board At 8 A.M I went down to the French Ship & according to the request of the Captain of the troops I took on board 7 prisoners and put them in irons — at the same time the troops, wives & families were landed from the French Ship with the assistance of one of our boats —

Sunday

Dec 8th continued Concluded

To day I agreed with the Captain of the troops for the peace and welfare of the Islands to remain here for the sum of $40 Spanish dollars per day, he being in the expectation of the arrival of the Sarandi but if I had to proceed to Buenos Ayres with his men that I was to receive a farther sum of One thousand pounds sterling for my having dispensed with my voyage for the benefit of the Buenos Ayres Government

Sunday Dec 9 1832

To day pleasant weather — Until 4 P.M. was busy watering - At 10 A.M sent off the mate with a boat & crew to receive the remainder of the Carpenters stores belonging to the Sarandi At 6 A.M. the French Ships went to sea — The prisoners all on board in safety — At Noon a fresh gale —

Sunday Dec 16 1832 Northerly

First and middle part of this day we have had pleasant weather with passing showers of rain – At 8 A M I went on shore and got a fore quarter of fresh meat – Noon pleasant weather with light showers – latter part fresh breezes and dry weather —

Monday Dec 17 1832

First part of this day we had fresh breezes and cloudy weather – At 5 A M sent off 2 boats & crews for a cargo of shooks At 7 A M they returned with 39 shooks and some fire wood – The rest of the day the hands employed as most necessary – At 10 P M the men of the Island hailed us – I manned a boat and armed them – myself and the mate went on shore with them and found all the troops down under arms but when they perceived that we were armed likewise they marched off without satisfying me what they had hailed for –

~~Thursday~~ Tuesday Dec 18 1832

First part of this day weather moderate Hands busy getting off our property from the shore — Middle and latter part a strong gale ~~mixed with~~ of wind and rain —

Thursday Dec 13 1832

To day the weather as yesterday — One of our boats returned with 2 Barrells of Eggs — At 8 A. M. I went on shore and made a set of leg Irons for the Prisoners — Hands employed on board as most necessary

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Friday Dec 14 1832

Throughout this day we have had fresh breezes and fair weather — Hands employed getting water &c — The 7 Prisoners and Carpenter still on board — To day we landed the most part of Mr Metcalf's effects & carried them up to his house —

Saturday Dec 15 1832 Variable

Throughout this day we have had light and variable winds with flying showers of rain Hands employed in watering and getting wood ~~and~~ Stocks from off the beach — Carpenter and his mates of the Sarandi on shore making a Lib boom for us out of a Spar that I had purchased — At 9 P. M. put the prisoners below & chained them as usual — This day consists of 36 hours to commence the civil reckoning —

Midnight variable winds and passing showers of rain —

Wednesday Dec 19. 1832

Throughout this day we have had moderate weather — Hands busy getting off wood &c from the shore — The Captain of the troops, the Master of the hunters and Mr Metcalf came on board to search the prisoners for some of the late Commander's property which had been stolen but found nothing worth notice

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Thursday Dec 20 1832

Throughout this day we have had moderate weather — Hands busy getting our thing on board — got all on board to day — Sent up the fore and topsail yards — Scraped the topmast &c The Carpenter of the Sa=randi making a jib boom for us on board — Ends rainy weather —

Friday Dec 21 1832

Throughout this day we have had fluctuating weather — The hands employed as most useful — Ends moderate & clear weather

Saturday Dec 22 1832

From A M till noon we have had the most pleasant weather — At 6 A M took all our sails out of the sail cabin and aired them and some we dried — At noon we made them up and put them below again —

The Carpenter finished the Jibboom At 2 P M unrigged the other and made ready to get the new one out — Latter part ends with blustering weather and light rains

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Sunday Dec 23 1832

First and middle part we have strong breezes with rain

Copy of the Logbook of Schooner Rapid of Liverpool John Rose master

Wednesday Nov 14th 1832

Throughout this day we have had light winds & squally weather – at 2 P.M. saw the land to the Northward – tacked to the westward – saw a sail to the westward – at 6 P.M. took in the flying jib & reefd the topsail and Mainsail at 7 P.M. tacked to the eastward – at 1 A.M. took two reefs in the fore sail – at 4 A.M. tacked to the westward – at 6 A.M. tacked to the eastward again and made all sail – at 10 stood close in with the land – the leak the same – Running for Berkley Sound

Thursday Nov 15 1832

Fresh breezes and rainy – at 2 P.M. entered the mouth of Berkley Sound – took in the topsail – at 4 P.M. came to an Anchor in Port Louis in 4½ fathoms of water soft bottom – got the boats out – Midnight light winds & clear weather – at 4 A.M. weighed anchor and made sail and went farther up and came to an anchor and commenced discharging wood to lighten the Schooner so that we can get at the leak Thomas Hare sick Richard Bryant well, Leak is the same as before – West – Found the Buenos Ayres Government Schooner Sarandi lying here

Friday Nov 16 1832

Afternoon fresh breezes & cloudy weather at midnight light winds - All hands employed in discharging the wood, casks & shakes out of
N.W the fore hold - Leak is the same Thomas Hare sick

Saturday Nov 17 1832

The first part of the day we have had fresh breezes and clear weather - employed as yesterday Midnight a heavy gale - at 1 A M let go the
N.W. Starboard Anchor - from 6 A M till noon it blew a perfect hurricane - employed not worth notice - leak the same as before Thomas Hare sick

Sunday Nov 18 1832

Throughout this day we have had a strong gale and rainy weather part of the crew on shore on liberty - leak the same as before
N.W. Thomas Hare sick

Monday Nov 19 1832

The first and last part of this day calm the middle part fresh breezes - All hands employed discharging casks and wood out of the after hold and landing it on shore Leaks 3 feet daily Thomas Hare sick
Calm William Noble carpenter run away

Tuesday Nov 20 1832

Throughout this day we had fresh breezes & cloudy weather - Unbent the topsail and sent down the fore & topsail yard and hauled them
N.W up on shore discharged some shakes and wood - the leak decreases as the schooner gets out of water — George Buhut Run —
Thomas Hare sick &c

Wednesday Nov 21 1832 N.W.

Throughout this day we have had strong winds and fair weather – Nothing done the wind being too strong for us to pull the boats on shore – leaks the same as yesterday Thomas Hare sick
The Sarandi went to sea

Thursday Nov 22 1832 N.W.

The first part of this day fresh breezes – the latter part a heavy gale with rain – Nothing done leaks the same as yesterday Thomas Hare sick

Friday Nov 23 1832 N.W.

Throughout this day we had strong winds with rain and fog – nothing done – leaks as yesterday
Thomas Hare sick

Saturday Nov 24 1832 East

The first part of this day fresh breezes & foggy – at 4 A.M. hove the anchors to and towed her into a small basin there is here and laid her aground in the mud so as to get at the fore foot moored her head & stern – at 9 A.M. myself with a boats crew left the schooner to go down the bay for a carpenter left here by the Buenos Ayres Schooner – leaks the same as yesterday
Thomas Hare sick

Sunday Nov 25 1832 Easterly

Afternoon light winds & pleasant weather – at 3 P.M. I returned with two carpenters – put Thomas Dyer in irons for getting drunk & disobedience of orders while away in the boat with me – In consequence of several the crew rising to rescue him the master gave him in charge to the troops here to be kept as a prisoner till further orders – Nothing done Thomas Hare sick – leaks the same as yesterday

This day ends fresh breezes & rainy

Monday Nov 26 1832 westerly

Throughout this day we had fresh breezes and rainy weather the carpenters employed stripping off the fore foot — the master released Thomas Dyer on the promise of better conduct for the future — Thomas Have well leaks the same as yesterday Thomas Dyer sick

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Tuesday Nov 27 1832 westerly

Throughout this day we have had strong winds and rain squalls — the carpenters employed in clearing away the fore foot for putting in a piece — Urbent the jib to put a second reef band leak the same as yesterday Thomas Dyer sick

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Wednesday Nov 28 1832 westerly

Throughout this day strong gales with rain and hail squally — Nothing done found a place stove on the starboard bow about 1 foot by 12 inches we nailed a piece of lead on it and found the leak stopped — broached a cask of beef & pork Thomas Dyer well

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Thursday Nov 29 1832 Northerly

The first part of this day we had the weather the same as yesterday — the second mate on shore at work at the jib — The latter part of this day moderate and clear — it being high water the carpenters could do nothing to the stem — we nailed a few strips of copper upon the starboard bow

Leaks 13 inches in 24 hours

Friday Nov 30 1832 Variable

Throughout this day we had fresh breezes with rain squalls - The master put a piece in the starboard bow where it was stove 13 inches by 4 inches which stopped the leak entirely - It being neap tides ~~the~~ we can do nothing to the stern - People employed picking oakum - At 8 A.M. the troops of the Island mutinied against their commander and shot him dead upon the spot and buried him in about two hours afterwards

Saturday Dec 1 1832 Variable

First part of this day fresh breezes and clear - All hands on board as the master expected they would attack us - At 6 P.M. saw a ship beating up the sound At 9.30 the troops came down to the point with muskets and fixed bayonets they stopped all night and went up in the morning - What their intentions were we do not know but they did not molest us - At 9 A.M the master with a boats crew left here to go down to the ship At noon the master returned it being a French whaler - Ends light winds & clear

N. B. At 2 P.M. The Captain of the troops ordered our boats to be hauled up by the guard house the reason unknown

Sunday Dec 2 1832 N. W.

The first and last part of this day we had light wind and fair weather - At 1 P.M. two of the French ships boats came up here At 6 P.M. the master with a boat and crew went down to the ship with her boats and took the commanders widow the Captain of the troops with all the principal people of the Island - At 8 P.M. the master returned - part of the troops fled to the mountains - loaded the two big guns and all the musketry stood watch all night - At midnight part of the troops came down here but did not molest us - Sides to low to work at the stern

Monday Dec 3 1832 Westerly

The first part of this day light winds and fair weather Nothing done the middle part the same - At 9 A M myself and a boat crew went down to the point to bring up the carpenters and their things left there by the Buenos Ayres Schooner - ends fresh breezes and clear —

Tuesday Dec 4 1832 Westerly

This day we had the weather the same as yesterday - Nothing done to the stern the tides too low - part of the troops gave themselves up and went on board the French Ship - At 10 P M I returned from the point and brought the men and their things up belonging to the Buenos Ayres Schooner - Put one piece in the stern about 5 feet long — Ends light winds and fair weather -

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Wednesday Dec 5 1832 Variable

Throughout this day we had light winds and fair weather - Put the other piece in the stern and coppered one side 8 men belonging to the Island came on board for safety

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Thursday Dec 6 1832 South

This day we had the weather the same as yesterday - Finished the stern and coppered it The Captain of the French took the rest of the troops as prisoners on board of his ship - The people belonging to the Island still on board —

Friday Dec 7th 1832 Variable

This day we had the weather the same as yesterday. At 6 A.M. hauled off the beach and came to anchor in 4 fathoms water soft bottom - loosed the sails to dry - ends fresh breezes and clear weather —

Saturday Dec 8 1832 Westerly

Throughout this day we had light winds and fair weather - at 4 P.M. got the fore yard on board At 6 P.M. got one raft water on board and stowed it in the fore hold at 7 P.M. we received 7 of the troops on board as prisoners - At 10 A.M. took another raft of water off - The French ship set all the troops on shore —

This day the master agreed with the captain of the troops to remain here and keep the prisoners on board until the Saranda shall arrive

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Sunday Dec 9 1832 Westerly

The first and middle part of this day light and fair - at 3 P.M. got another raft of water off - at 10 P.M. I went down to the French ship to bring up some things for the carpenter — at 6 A.M. the French ship went to sea - Ends a heavy gale - The prisoners still on board —

Broached a cask of Bread

Monday Dec 10 1832 Westerly

The first part of this day a heavy gale of wind At 30 mins P.M. let go the other anchor — Midnight clear and moderate At 8 A.M. we put all the prisoners in double irons — got off one boat load of wood and the large iron pots and stowed them in the fore hold Sent the second mate with a boat and crew down to the point to get some deal to make an arm chest to put the troops muskets in to bring on board — ends light winds and fair weather — —

Tuesday Dec 11 1832 Westerly

The first and middle part of this day we had light winds and fair weather — Received on board the arms and ammunition — at 9 P.M. Chained the prisoners in the forecastle — At 6 A.M. Sent a boat and crew for eggs Ends fresh breezes & clear weather

Wednesday Dec 12 1832 Southerly

Throughout all this day we have had a fresh gale and rain — cleared the decks and washed them down — One of the prisoners sick with a wound in his head that was cut when the people took him prisoner — The boat that went for Eggs not yet returned

Thursday Dec 13 1832. Southerly

Throughout this day we have had the weather the same as yesterday — At 4 P.M. the boat that went for eggs returned with 2 barrels — At 8 A.M the master went on shore to make irons to secure the prisoners —

Scrubbed the Schooner Outside

Wednesday Dec 19 1832 variable

Throughout this day we had fresh gales and cloudy weather – got off 2 boat loads of wood The captain of the troops searched the prisoners for some stolen property but found nothing worth note

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Thursday Dec 20 1832 Northerly

The most part of this day we have had light winds and pleasant weather The carpenters belonging to the Sarandi employed in making a flying jib boom Got all our things on board – Sent up the fore and topsail yards – Scraped the topmast and greased it

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Friday Dec 21 1832

Friday Dec 14 1832 Westerly

The first and middle part of this day fresh wind and fair weather – got off two rafts of water and one boat load of wood – 7 prisoners on board the same ends fresh breezes & rainy

Saturday Dec 15 1832 variable

This day we change the time into civil time Throughout this day we have had light wind and cloudy rainy weather – The carpenter of the Strandi employed in making a flying jib boom for us – got off 2 rafts of water and 3 boat loads of wood and shakes

Sunday Dec 16 1832 variable

For the most part of this day we had light winds with cloudy weather – The 7 prisoners still on board – got 1 Bullock

Monday Dec 17 1832 variable

This day we have had light winds and fair weather carried all the wood from the yard down to the beach and took off one boat load – The prisoners still on board – At 10 P.M. the people of the Island alarmed us by hailing the Schooner – The master with myself and a boat crew went on shore and found them all under arms – They said they thought that some of the prisoners had made their escape

Tuesday Dec 18 1832 South

The first part of this day fresh breezes and clear weather – got off 2 boat loads of wood and casks and stowed it in the fore hold – 7 prisoners still on board – From 8 A.M to the end of this day it blew a very heavy gale with rain

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I promise to pay Timothy Walker
$80.00 in Specie for 13 Bullock Steers
Witness.

Jam[illegible] Patterson

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