

but it is very difficult to get a sight of them or of any other woman for that matter. the native are black and some of them are well built and intelligent looking while others resemble a monkey a great deal more than a human being. Their clothing is simple enough a piece of cotton hung around the waist and going half way down to the knees. some wear caftans and very wide pants. all others wear sandals or go barefooted. their headdress is a turban or a fez and some go bareheaded. Some are dressed in U.S. Cavalry or Artillery jackets and Zouave caps. amyguanity are on board peddling the produce of the land such as yams sweet potatoes. bananas. coconuts. eggs. chickens molasses. arrow root etc. and curiosities such as whale bone canes. fans. shells. mats etc. nothing cost less than a shilling so they all have a more or less clear idea of the value of money. flannel. cotton. shoes and brass buttons are well come articles of exchange. King Adallah is not in town at present but is expected to return to morrow and pay us a visit in which case a value will be fixed. Ensign Brown met with a serious accident and shot himself through the hand with his revolver. four american ships (whalers and traders) are here at present taking in water

and wood. their Captains and mate and part of their crews are on board of our ship. the most of our officers went ashore in the afternoon. a present a box contents not known was taken ashore for the King.

July 27th At 9:30 A.M. all the natives were sent off the ship and we hoove up anchor. while we were leaving the harbor or bay the prime minister came on board with a message from the King who had not come back. broke our topmast Sludding sail boom.

July 28th Long. E. 44. 35 Lat. S. 9. 23

" 29th " " 45. 09 " " 9. 37

broke our flying jib boom.

July 30th Long. E. 47. 07 Lat. S. 5. 39

" 31st " " 49. 39 " " 3. 19

Aug 1st " " 52. 56 " " 1. 00

caught a large porpoise just before morning quarters when the fish was cut open a young one was found in it belly. some of the messes prepared and eat the meat which is a great deal like beef. evening came. boobies alighted on the yards and one or two were caught.

Aug 2nd Long. E. 55. 13 Lat. N. 0. 40

crossed the line in 55 East at 3. A.M.