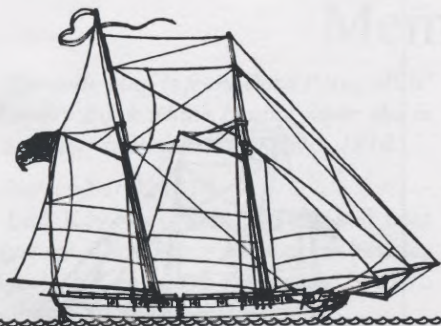


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Log of The United States Schooner *Wave*

By John Viele

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While researching the history of the Second Seminole War in the National Archives, I came across a portion of the original handwritten log of the U.S. Schooner *Wave*. It provides some interesting glimpses of life aboard a U. S. Navy schooner on duty in the Keys, but gives no hint of the suffering of crewmen from heat, malaria, yellow fever, mosquitoes, sand flies, and exhausting expeditions into the Everglades.

Wave was a unit of the U.S. Navy's Expedition for the Suppression of Indian Hostilities, Florida, better known as the Mosquito Fleet, under the overall command of Lieutenant John T. McLaughlin, USN. She was a 72-foot schooner-yacht, purchased for naval service in 1838 from her designer and owner, John C. Stevens. Built in 1832 along shoal-draft, center-board-keel, pilot-boat lines, she was armed with two small guns, a long gun, and manned by naval personnel.

The Second Seminole War (1836-1842) was the longest, bloodiest, and most costly of all the Indian wars, and the only one in which the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Revenue Marine (forerunner of the U.S. Coast Guard) played a significant role. By the war's end, the Mosquito Fleet numbered 600 Navy, Marine, and Revenue Marine personnel.

The log covers the period from January to June 1840. At that time, the Mosquito Fleet was using Tea Table Key as a shore base. After a war party destroyed the wreckers' settlement on nearby Indian Key in August, 1840, McLaughlin took over that island and built barracks, storehouses, workshops, and a small hospital there.

Because the log was fragile, I was only



John Rodgers from a wood-cut made during the Civil War. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

allowed to copy it by hand. Because of time constraints, I did not copy it word for word, but did record all the essential information it contained.

Log Book U.S. Schooner *Wave*
Passed Midshipman John Rodgers Commanding

Jan 11 1840 At Brooklyn Navy Yard
Jan 13 Underway.

Jan 14 At St. Augustine, met U.S. Schr *Flirt*, underway in company. [*Flirt* was the flagship of the Mosquito Fleet under command of Lt. McLaughlin]

Jan. 23 Lost main mast. It was rotten from too many iron spikes being driven

in for securing the saddle of the main boom. Underway under jury rig.

Jan. 25 Off Cooley's Mill met *Flirt* [Apparently, *Flirt* parted company with *Wave* after she lost her mast. Cooley's Mill was the home of William Cooley whose wife, three children, and the children's tutor had been murdered by the Indians at the start of the war. It later became the site of Fort Lauderdale.]

Jan. 26 Anchored off Key Biscayne, underway with *Flirt*, then anchored again.

Jan. 27 Underway. Anchored at Tea

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Society News

By Pauline Guzek



Hospitality House and Mallory Dock before restoration by Old Island Restoration Foundation. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

New Museum to Open on Mallory Square

In January 2002, the former Ticket Office of the Mallory Shipping Line, will be opened to the public as a new museum. This museum, situated on Mallory Square and currently named Hospitality House, will feature the history of the docks from 1822 to today's current sunset celebrations.

Panels of photographs, maps, newspaper clippings and sketches will tell the story of this history as well as artifacts from the Mallory Line. Additionally a web cam will show the viewer the ongoing activi-

ties at Mallory Square itself.

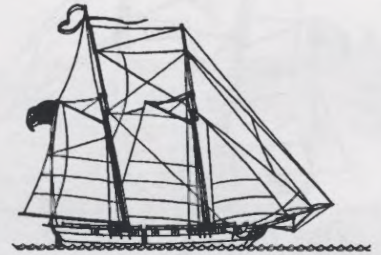
Renovation of the building, including central air conditioning, is currently ongoing in preparation for this new museum. Old Island Restoration Foundation leases the building from the city of Key West.

Pauline Guzek of the KWMHS completed the research for the project and worked with J.T. Thompson of Solares Hill Design Group to prepare the panels. Tom Hambright of the KWMHS and the Monroe County Library provided invaluable resources to the project.

New Members

Dr. Bill and Kathy Greenwood, Key West;
St. Louis Automatic Sprinkler Company,

3928 Clayton Ave., St. Louis MO 63110;
Garnet and Jim Picking, Key West.



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Memory Book of Dora Perez

The following is from Dora Perez Mills' Memory Book which begins when she is a teacher at Plantation Key in 1910.

November 4, 1910.

Left Key West today on the sail boat *Mystery*. Three other passengers besides myself, a Genevieve Parker and her two bothers. So far a pleasant trip.

November 5.

Have had a short spell of sea sickness. Reached Matacumba today. I went ashore with Genevieve Parker. Walked from Genevieve's down to the settlement of Matacumba. Came near getting left. One of the Parker boys had to get a small sail boat and take me out to the *Mystery*. Reached Plantation at eight o'clock.

November 6.

Today is Sunday studied my S.S. lesson although I could not go as there is no church here. This evening a Mr. Will Russell and a Mr. Henry came in a boat to see us. School opens tomorrow.

November 7.

School opened today with eight pupils, three boys, Cleveland Knowles, Alfred Knowles and Courtney Thompson and five girls, Emma, Mary, and Sarah Pinder, Susie and Maud Adams. Susie Adams was in my S.S. class in Key West. Saw the freight train. One of the men waved to us.

November 8.

My second day at teaching. The children did not behave very well today but knew their lessons. Met Mr. Rodney Albury, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Merlin Albury.

November 9.

My third day at teaching. Freight train passed the school. Three of the fellows on it waved. The *Mystery* stopped she is on her way to Key West. Cleveland came ashore. He brought two fellows and introduced them. One was Wilbur Sawyer of Key West and the other Wilbur Albury.

November 10.

If the old saying "laugh and grow fat" is true. I ought to get fat as I have laughed so much since coming here. I find my pupils amusing. One little boy told me that he had a piece of cake for me so when recess came I expected him to give it to me but he did not so after recess I asked him where was my cake and he told me in his belly. His reading lesson was the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. In the book it reads, "The boy that always



Dora Perez Mills on the right with Amy Knowles Shine. Photo credit: Winifred Fryzel.

tells the truth is the boy for me" but he read it "The boy that always tells the truth is a very bad boy."

November 11.

One week of my school term has passed. Mr. Pinder took Sarah and me out for a moonlight sail. We came back and ate, cane, coconuts and grape fruit. Spent a fine evening. We call Sarah Roger, Emma Berlin and I am called Cleveland.

November 13.

My second Sunday at Plantation Key. I miss the church so much. Lizzie Curry came to see us this afternoon.

November 14.

Nothing of interest today. Received my first mail from Key West, a letter from Hilda Sands and a paper with the account of Annie's wedding.

November 15.

Went out "conching" this afternoon, caught thirteen conchs and two crawfish. The *Mystery* has not come yet. Expect her tomorrow.

November 16.

Total eclipse of the moon tonight. Sarah and I went out on the wharf to watch it.

November 17

The *Mystery* came today. Cleveland did not come. I received letters from Mr. Birs, grandmother and Aunt Mamie.

November 18.

Two weeks of my school term have past. I have gained six pounds since I have been here. Have answered Mr. Birs letter. It took me a couple of hours to write it.

November 19.

The *Mystery* left today. I have not felt as if I wanted to go back to Key West.

November 20.

Mr. Pinder took Sarah, Emma and myself to Planter today. We had dinner at Mrs. Charity Johnson's. In the afternoon we visited Mrs. Simon Johnson. I met Emma, Laura, and Camille Johnson.

November 21.

Sarah and I went to see Lizzie Curry this afternoon. We came home then went out and gathered coconuts and made coconut candy.

November 25.

Today is Sarah's birthday. She is thirteen. We made caramels to celebrate. After

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Whitehead and Webb Letters: 1836.

By Dr. Joe Knetsch
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Once again, the letters of contemporary men and women often show us the true nature of history in times of terror and uncertainty. This is especially true of the letters transcribe below. Written by some of the leading men of the Keys community, they show us the tension, horror and shock of the Indian war then breaking upon them. They need little introduction to readers from the Keys today. Each of the principle players are known and noted in Whitehead's introduction to the extracts he provides to the Secretary of War. Lewis Cass, the "Boy Governor" of Michigan Territory and then Secretary of War, knew first hand about such fears and uncertainty. His frontier experience certainly made him sympathetic, if not totally committed to the schemes proposed by the leaders of South Florida. These letters made the picture all too clear for him.

Perth Amboy N J. June 13th 1836

Hon Lewis Cass
Secretary of War

Sir I received this morning letters from gentlemen acquainted with the present situations of affairs on the Southern Shore of the Florida Peninsula, pressing my immediate return to Washington for the purpose of procuring if possible the adoption of some measures that may result in the better protection of that quarter of the country. It is not altogether convenient for me to comply with their request, and as you gave me to understand, when I had the honor to wait upon you about a month since that the Department felt a delicacy in dictating to the Commanding General in Florida as to the disposition of his forces during the summer, it is probable, no good would arise from any personal application I might make.

I feel it to be my duty however, to furnish you with extracts from the letters I have received, and on so doing to express my full conviction that much property, both public and private, and many valuable lives are at present in great jeopardy on the Southern coast of Florida which might be placed in safety by a judicious location of a comparatively small force.

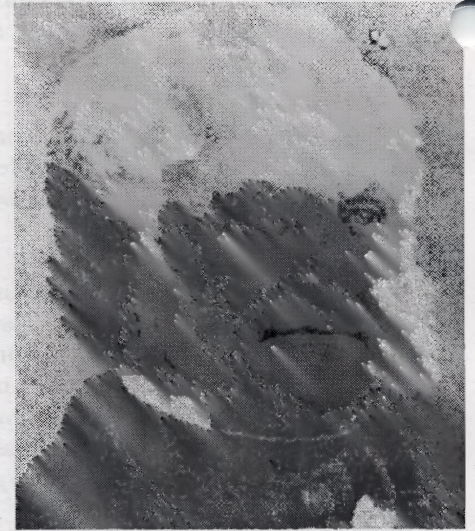
You will find Sir, that these extracts corroborate the statements I had the honor to make to you in a communication dated

11th May; and I must hope that some movement for the protection of South Florida may be planned at Washington there being no communication between that portion of the Territory and the northern frontier (the head quarters of the Commanding General) excepting by such circuitous routes that render it impossible to depend upon any success from that source.

I have the honor to be Sir
Yr. Ms. Ot. St
W. A. Whitehead
Collector at Key West

Extracts from a letter received to W. A. Whitehead from the Hon. James Webb, Judge of the Southern District of Florida dated Norfolk June 9th 1836.

"A force should certainly be placed at Cape Florida and a small one at Indian Key: I say a small one because I believe a few men with the field pieces now upon that Island can defend it from any attack which the Indians may or can make. The impossibility of their approaching it without being discovered [Indian Key is without trees] in sufficient time to afford those who defend it an opportunity of sinking their boats before they could effect a landing, is of itself, a great safeguard to the inhabitants. I think, and have always thought, that Key West is in much greater danger than Indian Key, because the enemy may come upon us in any numbers without being discovered until their object is attained. I know it is the opinion of some that Troops at Cape Florida and Indian Key would prevent an attack on Key West, but it seems to me that those who think so cannot have reflected well on the character of the country, and the position of the Florida Keys. Were the Indians disposed to make an attack on Key West, they could embark in their boats at any point between Capes Florida and Sable (a distance of 100 miles through an impassible country) and by availing themselves of the shallow and intricate channels of the Bay and the numerous groups of Keys, could pass to the eastern end of Key West from which, through the almost impenetrable woods of that Island, they could come upon the Town before a movement of the sort would even be suspected by the inhabitants. I consider the small remnant of Dade's Company (25 men) which is there as affording it no protec-



William A. Whitehead. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

tion whatever. I have always stated that I believe it necessary that troops should be stationed at Cape Florida and Indian Key, but I have invariably added, that I believe at least two full companies were essential to the preservation of Key West, and those companies to be stationed upon the Island, not to be withdrawn until the war has ended."

Extracts from a letter received by W. A. Whitehead from J. W. Simonton, Esq. of Key West, dated Norfolk June 9th 1836.

'I have seen a Key West paper of the 28th May, which states that in consequence of several Indian canoes having been seen near Cape Florida, the light-house at Key Biscayne had been abandoned by the keeper, and that a number of Indians had assembled in the vicinity of the Cape and New River, where they would probably enter largely into the manufacture of Arrow Root during the summer, having the machinery of Cooley and Matheny [Two manufacturers who abandoned their works] in their possession. If they are permitted to remain there any length of time they will be able to collect bread stuff enough to feed their whole army for a year. A force stationed at Cape Florida not only put a stop to their getting provisions, but would afford more protection to that exposed part of the country, than at any other point. Indian Key is certainly in great danger indeed there is nothing to prevent the enemy from destroying, it at their pleasure and it is to be supposed that the moment they are hard pressed for provi-

sions and munitions of war they will make a descent upon it. It is certain, in my opinion, that a great part of the enemy will take up their summer quarters somewhere on the point of Florida, for the reason that they will be able to sustain themselves there, while they are beyond the reach of their pursuers. hope therefore that something will be done for our protection before it is too late. I hope and pray that you will go on to Washington and remain there until something is done for our section of the country.

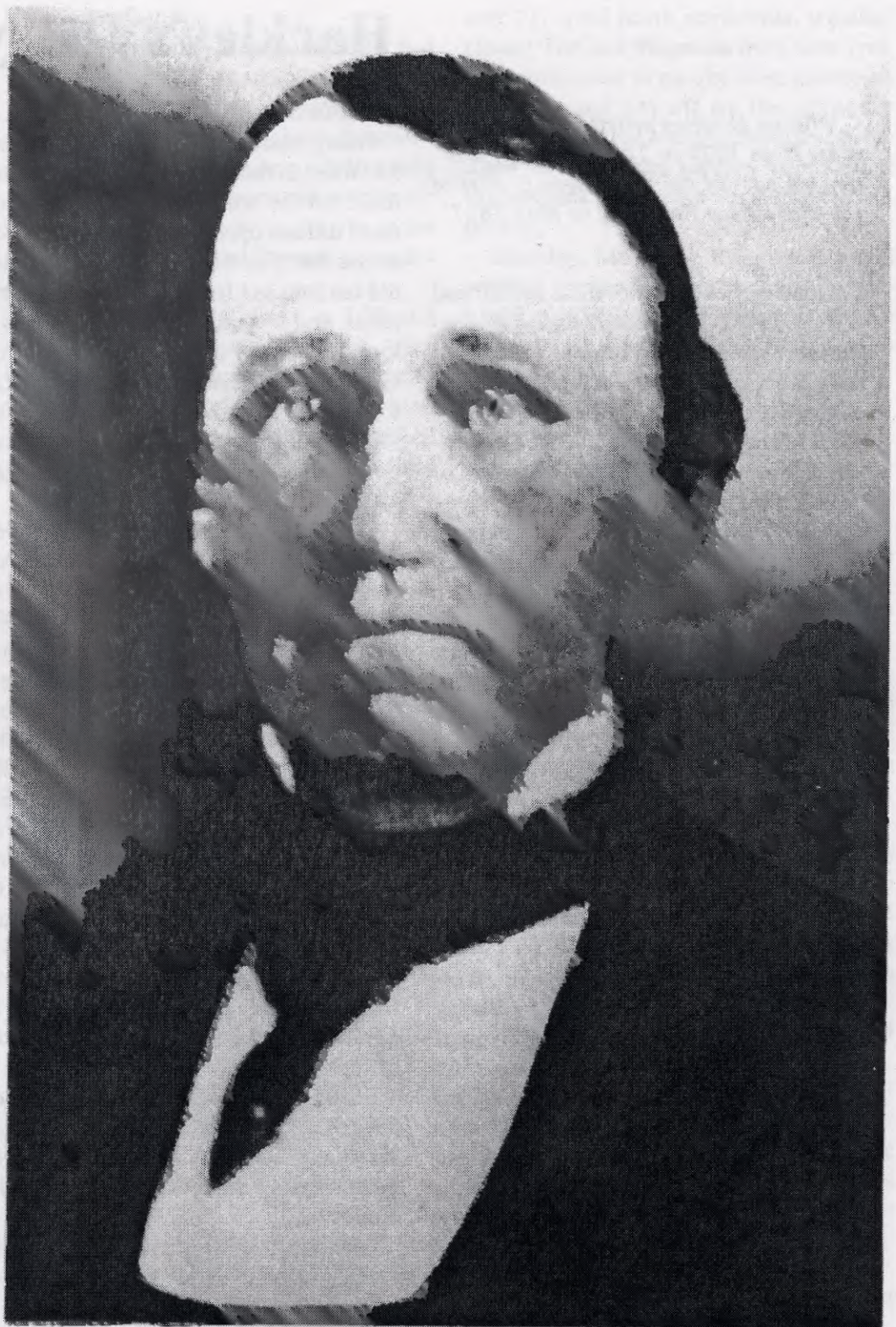
Extracts from a letter received by W. A. Whitehead from Charles Howe Esq. Inspector of the Customs at Indian Key dated May 18th 1836.

"I wrote to you on the 30th April since when there has been a very great excitement on this coast particularly on this Island from the almost daily discoveries of Indian fires on the main land or the Keys in the Bay. We are very apprehensive that the savages are embodying quite too near us for us to indulge ideas of our safety. We have nor force here, the few men we have had will leave us by the vessel that will take you this they all became so dissatisfied that I believe they would have been of very little service to us, and now we shall be destitute for the summer unless relieved by U.S. Troops. We are left to the mercy of the savages, whose aim I fear will be to strike here for the sake of plunder and it is not unlikely that this intention will very soon be carried into affect, for the circumstance of our having two of their number prisoners, will naturally lead them to spy out our situation and if they think we have not a strong force will very likely rush upon us. I consider our situation a critical one, & we are certainly in more danger now and shall be through the summer than we have been during the past winter. hope and trust our Government will yet place us all in safety upon this coast."

Extracts from a letter received by W. A. Whitehead from Adam Gordon Esqr. Deputy Collector at Key West dated May 28th 1836.

"Cape Florida Lighthouse has been or will be abandoned. The Indians are in great force at and around the Cape. They have been seen in their canoes from the Light House. The Cutter *Dexter* is a present at Indian Key which place has received the compliments of the Indians with a promise of a visit."

Transcribe from copies of the originals



Judge James Webb. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

in "Letters Received by the Headquarters of the Army: 1827-1903. Roll 4, 1835, J-Y; 1836, A-W. National Archives Microcopy No. M1635, Record Group No. 108. Washington: National Archives and Records Administration, 1990.]

The letters transcribed above indicate the extremely tense situation of the people of the Keys at the outbreak of the Second Seminole War [1835-1842]. It was a time of great uncertainty and near terror for those living on the isolated Keys and this is clearly reflected in the extracts from the letters received by W. A. Whitehead.

Each of the men writing these letters was very responsible and knowledgeable and not often given to exaggeration. But, given the temper of the times, these gentlemen, leaders within the

Keys community, were groping for help and answers. Few letters, so grouped together, show the near hysteria of the day than those seen above.

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Hackley's Diary

William Hackley practiced law in Key West from 1829 to 1857. He kept a diary for part of the time. Here is part of the diary from February to May 1857

Monday, February 26. Rose at 5:20 and walked to the Salt Ponds. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.53, thermometer 72, wind northwest moderate, weather clear. The Spanish Consul has posted a notice that the Island of Cuba has been declared blockaded and claiming the right of search of vessels found on the coast. The U.S. Frigate *San Jacinto* has been practicing with ball, at the wreck of the sloop *America*, morning and evening.

Tuesday, February 27. Rose at 6 and walked to the Fort. At 8:20 A.M. barometer 29.56, thermometer 64.5, wind northwest with flying clouds. Read papers and Law magazine. The steamer *Star of the West* got in about 1:30 P.M. and left about 6:30. Matilda and I went to Alexander Patterson's.

Wednesday, February 28. Rose at 5:20 and walked up by the Quarters and round by the duck ponds. Saw neither ducks nor snipes, saw one pigeon. At 8:15 A.M. barometer 29.57, thermometer 65, wind north northwest moderate, weather cloudy. The U.S. Frigate *San Jacinto* dropped down below the Fort. After breakfast went out to the lot where George Allen has some boys at work cleaning out a well and John Delancey building a vat of inch boards, two thicknesses with a layer of chalking paper between them. Out again in the afternoon helping the workmen. The Fort guns were fired during the forenoon to try them.

Thursday, March 1. Rose at 6 A.M. and went out to the lot and commenced cutting hemp. During the night a fresh northern came up and blew fresh and cold. After breakfast went out again and worked hard cutting hemp. George Allen hired three boys Jim Felix, H. Sevali and Joe who came to work after breakfast and were set to work cutting the leaves of such plants as are going to seed to prevent them drying up and being lost. After dinner returned to the lot, John Delancey finished the vat and we put some water in it but the well had but little water in it owing to the norther which is blowing. The U.S. Frigate *San Jacinto* went out in the morning, she is

going to Havana.

Friday, March 2. Rose at 6. Thermometer 53. Went to the lot. After breakfast down town but the wind was so fresh and cold that I did not open my office but went out to the lot. The boys cutting hemp but I did not join as I feel sore all over. George Allen and I went to Sandy Cornish's to look at his mill to grind hemp and concluded that on Monday next we would grind a charge for the vat as by squeezing the juice from the leaves they will be acted on by the liquor sooner. Went out again after dinner.

Saturday, March 3. Rose at 6 and went out to the lot and set the boys to work clearing the bushes from around the vat and clearing a cart road. After breakfast went down to the office and wrote up diaries since the 28th. (At 6 A.M. thermometer 58). At 9 A.M. barometer 29.65, thermometer 60, wind north northwest, weather cloudy with some dew this morning. Returned to the lot about 10 and assisted in clearing for the road and threw down the wall near the grave yard corner to admit a cart passing through and cut away the hemp plants. After dinner went out again and finished the road, the boys knocked off about 4 P.M. and after I got home walked to the Fort with Mrs. Charles Tift, Matilda and the children. Attended meeting of the choir.

Sunday, March 4. Rose about 6 and did not go out before breakfast. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.65.5, thermometer 63.5, wind north northwest moderate with flying clouds.

Monday, March 5 At the lot all day hauling hemp to Sandy Cornish's mill and hauled some hemp to the vat.

Tuesday, March 6. At the lot all day and ground hemp with the old sugar mill and got a quantity in the vat though I did not count the leaves.

Wednesday, March 7. The steamer *Isabel* got in at midnight, the night being very calm the noise of her wheel woke me. Went down town before breakfast and got letters and papers. Senator Stephen Mallory sent me three volumes of Public Documents. At 7:30 A.M. barometer 29.52.5, thermometer 72, calm and hazy. The *Pampero* came in yesterday from New Orleans as did also a steamboat called the *St. Lawrence* bound from New York to Mobile. After breakfast went out to the

lot and set the boys to cutting a road along the hemp. My hands are so sore that it is painful for me to touch anything. I went through the woods to Sandy Cornish's and he not being at home went on to Porter's Spring where he was at work cleaning hemp. He said that some of the hemp is yet unrolled and to hard to work.

Thursday, March 8. Rose at 6 and bathed. Read papers. At 8:20 A.M. barometer 29.52, thermometer 74.5, wind northwest light, very cloudy and rain. Lost my watch key yesterday and brought another of Walberg for \$2.75. Wrote to George R. Potter and Company acknowledging receipt of \$10.00 by yesterday's mail and relating to Captain Israel Vogdes standing. The Guinea pig had two young ones last night, I got her home when she was half grown on September 6 last. The cats caught the male and I sent the other to Mrs. Sullivan who kept it for some time and sent it home about a month ago. Read papers. Sister Sarah Patterson dined with us.

Friday, March 9. Rose at 6 and bathed. At 8:20 A.M. the barometer 29.52, thermometer 74.5, wind north northeast very light and hazy. Took the testimony of Alexander Patterson on a commission sent from Georgia relative to lands claimed by William Hillard got William G. Morris to act as the other commissioner required by the laws of Georgia. Wrote to Charles B. Norton, 71 Chambers Street, New York enclosing \$2.00 for MacLaurins System of Writing. At 4:30 P.M. barometer 29.50, thermometer 76, wind west northwest moderate, weather hazy. Walked round by Porter's Spring and South Beach and home by the Fort with Matilda and Annie.

Saturday, March 10. Rose at 5:20 and walked to the Salt Ponds and returned passing the lot. The vat is full of hemp but leaks some. Bathed. At 8:10 A.M. barometer 29.57.5, wind northeast by north moderate, weather hazy. The *Pampero* went out about 9 A.M., the steamer *St. Lawrence* about 2 P.M. and the steamer *Isabel* about 5 P.M. Tift went in her and I gave him a memo to purchase for me Angel on "Tidewater" and Angel on "Water Courses;" Curtis' "United States Court Practice;" Benedict's "Practice;" Robin on "Practice" and Sherwood's "Ethics." Wrote out two copies of a Bottomry Bond on the cargo of the bark *Gulman*. Hiram

Benner advances the money at 15%. Walked with Matilda and Mrs. Charles Tift from home to the practicing of the choir.

Sunday, March 11. Rose at 5:15 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.59, thermometer 75, wind northeast by north moderate very smokey so that yesterday and this morning the sun can be looked at with the naked eye, appearing like a red ball. Read papers. Yesterday gave Hiram Benner a receipt for \$15.00 for drawing a bottomry bond on the cargo of the bark *Gulman*. Wrote the third bond. P.M. Siesta at my office.

Monday, March 12. Rose about 6 and bathed. Walked to the Fort. At 8:15 A.M. barometer 29.52, thermometer 74, wind northeast pleasant breeze, weather hazy. Read papers. P.M. Read papers and Putnam's monthly.

Tuesday, March 13. Rose at 5 and bathed. Walked to the Salt Ponds. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.50, thermometer 76, wind southeast, weather hazy. Read papers. Captain Gray of the bark *William H. Brodie* gave me \$20.00 for advice relating to a charter party.

Wednesday, March 14. Rose at 5 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.52, thermometer 79, wind south southeast, weather hazy. Read papers. P.M. Read Putnam's monthly and attended the practicing of the choir with Matilda and remained till 10.

Thursday, March 15. Rose at 5 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.55, thermometer 79, wind south southeast, weather hazy. P.M. Siesta and read Putnam's monthly.

Friday, March 16. Rose at 5 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.58, thermometer 80, wind southeast, weather hazy with a heavy dew. Bought an umbrella of Robert P. Campbell as the sun is getting very warm. Also bought Rabelais in French, Herodotus, and Pascal's letters, books that belonged to Reverend C.C. Adams and which he has sent to Campbell's for sale, he being about to leave for Maryland having sent in his resignation to take effect about first of April. Dined at Alexander Patterson's, Dr and Mrs. S.F. Jones came in and sat till near 10.

Saturday, March 17. Rose at 5 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.56.5, thermometer 80, wind south southeast, weather cloudy. Read Law magazine. P.M. Siesta and read

Putnam's monthly.

Sunday, March 18. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.58, thermometer 80, wind southeast, weather clear. Returned by the way of the lot the hemp is fully ready for cleaning and we propose to commence tomorrow morning. Last night was at the church till 10 P.M. Read Putnam's monthly magazine.

Monday, March 19. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. After breakfast went out to the lot and went to work on the hemp. I took one machine and George L. Allen the other and worked about four hours. My wrist became tired and I could not work after dinner so I remained but a short time. My wrist was quite painful in the evening when I got a bottle of Mustang Ligament which seemed to ease it somewhat. Hiram Benner came in and sat till 10.

Tuesday, March 20. Rose at 5 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8:15 A.M. barometer 29.61, thermometer 79, wind northeast, weather cloudy. My wrist much better than last night but not well enough to work, writing affects it. The smell of the hemp is like that of a tan yard and is very difficult to remove from the hands. Read the Law magazine. After dinner went to the lot.

Wednesday, March 21. Rose at 4:45 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.53, wind south southeast, thick clouds and light rain. Called by the lot on my way home. George L. Allen and Joe Brown came out and we returned together, Joe is very sanguine as to the value of the hemp culture in fact there is quite a stir at present on the subject. P.M. Read Household Word. Went out to the lot with Hiram Benner and Fernando Moreno to see the hemp cleaned.

Thursday, March 22. Rose at 4:45 and waked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 11 A.M. barometer 29.45, thermometer 80, wind southwest with flying clouds. Got letters from Department of Interior acknowledging receipt of copies of accounts, from Solicitor of Treasury approving of my filing claims for U.S. duties in salvage cases and one from Asa Kinne. Also received papers and my two volumes of magazine from Charleston from which I have to pay \$2.50 a most exorbitant charge. I felt sore in my limbs and one of my teeth is sore that I cannot chew.

Friday, March 23. Rose at about 5:45. At 8:15 A.M. barometer 29.62, thermom-

eter 71, wind north northwest, weather cloudy. The bark *Magnolia* from New York to Mobile came in having been ashore on Loo Key and got off by the schooner *Colonel Dubussy*, sloops *Plume* and *Kino*. They wreckers and salvors have settled the amount of salvage at \$5,500. Read papers.

Saturday, March 24. Rose about 6 and walked to the Fort and around by the Lighthouse with Hatty. The bark *Magnolia* went to sea today she is said to be loaded with arms and ammunition for the filibusterers. Wrote to Allen and Company for the missing number of the 13th volume of the *Agriculturist*. Matilda being delayed by visitors and Annie being quite unwell did not go to the practicing of the choir. Got in what hemp had been cleaned which looks well.

Sunday, March 25. Rose about 5:45 and walked to the lot with the children. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.60.5, thermometer 68, wind north northwest, weather clear. Read papers. Called by Senator Stephen Mallory's and returned some books of his that I had in my possession. The steamers *Isabel* and *Jasper* arrived in the afternoon. Judge William Marvin went to St. Augustine to hold court for Judge Bronson who's health is very bad. He will be absent a month. Hiram Benner went on her and I sent to Mrs. Lightbourne a copy of the picture of Key West.

Monday, March 26. Rose at 5:45 and walked to the Salt Ponds. At 8:15 A.M. barometer 29.56, thermometer 70, wind northeast, weather cloudy. Had a bag of documents taken up to my room and took one of them Perry's Japan. Read papers and Law magazine. P.M. Siesta. The steamer *Jasper* sailed at 4 P.M. Aleck Crane came down as clerk.

Tuesday, March 27. Rose at 5 and walked to the Salt Ponds. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.50, thermometer 74, wind north northeast, weather hazy. Read papers and Law magazine. P.M. Siesta and read Knickerbocker magazine.

Wednesday, March 28. Rose at 4:40 and went and found it threatening rain, returned to bed and lay till near sunrise when I rose and bathed and walked round the Fort. At 9 A.M. barometer 29.60, thermometer 78.5, wind northeast, cloudy. About 10 commenced raining. Read papers and Law magazine. P.M. Read Knickerbocker magazine and Household Word. Went with

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Matilda to the church. The steamer *Star of the West* got in soon after dark and got off at 4:30 A.M. There were but 90 passengers onboard. Walked with Matilda.

Thursday, March 29. Rose at 4:30 and went to Sickman's Pond where there were three teals at which I fired three times without touching them, then went to the Long Road Pond and to Linn's Pond found the three teals in the Flag Pond and fired both barrels at them on the wing without effect and found them again in the Round Pond where there were also three large ducks of which I had been told by Anderson did not see them until they flew and when I fired one barrel making six shots without touching a feather for which I cannot account. At 8:20 A.M. barometer 29.64, thermometer 73, wind north northeast, weather cloudy, raw and disagreeable, Read papers. Went out to the lot with George Allen where we have men at working grinding the hemp to recharge the vat. After dinner went out to the ponds found the ducks in Sickman's Pond and fired a long shot at them without effect although I had cleaned my gun before I went out. They lit in the middle of the Long Pond so far from shore that I could not get a shot and I could not find them again.

Friday, March 30. Rose about 5:30 and went out to the lot and set a man to work at the machine the three Albury's being at the mill. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.50, thermometer 74.5, wind east, weather cloudy. Commenced raining about 11 A.M. and rained until after one. Cloudy all the day. Read Household Word. Walked to South Beach with Matilda and Mary Ann Porter, saw a large wild duck in Porter's Spring Pond. A buck was killed this morning on the upper part of the Key.

Saturday, March 31. Rose about 5. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.28, thermometer 78, wind southwest, weather cloudy. In the night we had a heavy rain and it blew fresh. We are now having our Equinoctial gale. Drew up a bond for the Captain of the *Sarah Starr* for which I charged \$5.00. Got a blank from Captain Welch. Read papers. P.M. Siesta. At 3 P.M. barometer 29.25, thermometer 76, wind southwest, weather cloudy, blowing a gale. The schooner *J.W. Braylen* which was at the Fort wharf laden with brick found that the wind was pressing her upon the wharf. Attempted to get away in doing which she got upon the old cofferdam and at the

command of Captain Welch was to fill her and make her behave. Walked with Matilda to the Lighthouse and went to church.

Sunday, April 1. Rose before 6 and walked to the Fort with Harriet and Charlotte. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.42, thermometer 69, wind northwest, cloudy and hazy. Read papers. P.M. Siesta and read Parkyns' "Abysenia." Walked to the lot with Matilda and the children.

Monday, April 2. Rose at 4:40 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.45, thermometer 70, wind northeast, weather clear. Read Law magazine. P.M. Siesta and read Parkyns' "Abysenia."

Tuesday, April 3. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.48, thermometer 74, wind east southeast, cloudy. Read Law magazine. P.M. Siesta and read Household Words.

Wednesday, April 4. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.63, thermometer 79, wind southeast, cloudy. Read Law magazine. P.M. Siesta and read Household Words.

Thursday, April 5. Rose at 4:40 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.60, thermometer 79, wind east southeast, clear. Read Law magazine. At 12 went up to Senator Stephen Mallory's and fired his Sharps Rifle 6 or 8 times. At a distance of about 150 yards over the water my shot would have killed a turkey. I like the gun very much. The guns at the Fort were fired four times at a target in the morning with solid shot and three shells were fired in the afternoon. I was at the Fort and close to the gun. Called on Reverend and Mrs. C.C. Adams who are in Judge William Marvin's house. Wells was also there.

Friday, April 6. Rose at 4:40 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 9 A.M. barometer 29.57, thermometer 82, wind east southeast, cloudy. Finished Law magazine and Parkyn's "Alysinia."

Saturday, April 7. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. The steamer *Isabel* got in about 4:30. I got a number of Public Documents from General Morton and 13 bags for Senator Stephen Mallory, which I had taken up to the room. At 9 A.M. barometer 29.45, thermometer 82, wind south southwest, cloudy. Read papers. At 3 P.M. wind west southwest, cloudy, barometer 29.30. At 5 P.M. wind northwest with rain. Blew

fresh all night. Mrs. Mead died.

Sunday, April 8. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.52, thermometer 74, wind north northwest, cloudy. Read papers. Took a short walk with Matilda.

Monday, April 9. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. No water in the well for two days so I could not bathe. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.57, thermometer 73.5, wind northeast, cloudy. A man cut his throat last evening at the end of Tift's Wharf and fell overboard and has not been found. Read papers and Law Register.

Tuesday, April 10. Rose at 4:40 having been up a good deal during the night with Hatty who has taken a bad cold from wearing thin shoes and stockings with all her other clothes thick. Used cold water on her chest and throat and gave her some Cherry Pectoral and gargled with alum and honey. She is much better this morning. Walked to the Salt Ponds. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.56.5, thermometer 75.5, wind north northeast, cloudy. Read papers and the Law Register. The steamer *Isabel* got off about 5 P.M. Reverend and Mrs. C.C. Adams, Winer Bethel, Daughter, Miss. Lightborne and a number of others went as passengers in her. Don died suddenly I think from poison.

Wednesday, April 11. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.56, thermometer 77, wind northeast, partly cloudy. Read papers and Law Register. P.M. Read Putnam magazine. Walked to the Fort with Matilda, Letta and Mrs. Charles Tift and went home with the latter. I have an attack of Dyspepsia and ate no supper and slept with a wet bandage on my chest and body extending from hips to arm pits.

Thursday, April 12. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds and home by way of the ponds and saw two large ducks in Mead's Pond. At 7:30 A.M. barometer 29.62, thermometer 77.8, wind east, cloudy. Read papers and Law Register. P.M. Read Putnam's magazine.

Friday, April 13. Rose at 4:40 and went to the ponds. Saw a Flamingo on Mead's Pond and fired at it without effect the shot being two small. Three ducks rose when I fired and I could not find them again. At 7:45 A.M. barometer 29.68.5, thermometer 74, wind east northeast, clear and pleasant. Read Law Register and Putnam's magazine. P.M. Read Putnam's magazine and walked out to the lot with Mr. Mory of Charleston. Got from R.P. Campbell

Harper's Gazetteer, volumes 7 and 9 of Household Words and the Annual of Scientific Discovery for 1854 and Minor's Domestic Poultry.

Saturday, April 14. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 7:40 A.M. barometer 29.67, thermometer 74, wind east northeast, partly cloudy. Read Household Words having finished Putnam's magazine. Bought of R.P. Campbell Lewis' "Hints to Sportsmen" for \$.28.

Sunday, April 15. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 11 A.M. barometer 29.66.5, thermometer 79.5, wind east northeast, partly cloudy. John P. Baldwin came in soon after I got down and set till 11. Felix Senac and Fernando Moreno also came in as did Dr. Sanders. P.M. Read Household Words. Took a siesta. After tea went to Mary Ann Porter's.

Monday, April 16. Rose at 4:30 having been awakened at 3:30 by the alarm of fire caused by the burning of the *Gulman*. Walked to the Salt Ponds. At 8:40 A.M. barometer 29.65, thermometer 79, wind east northeast, cloudy. P.M. Siesta, read Household Words. Walked out to the lot where Antonio is cleaning hemp with Mr. Mowry and George L. Allen. My eyes very sore and I put on colored glasses.

Tuesday, April 17. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.72, thermometer 79, wind east northeast, clear. Captain Welch came in last night and sat till 9:30. My eyes this morning were badly gummed up but after washing them they are not as bad as they were yesterday. Bathed them frequently with water. Read Captain March's Report on the "Exploration of the Headwaters of the Red River." P.M. Siesta, read Household Words and walked out to the lot.

Wednesday, April 18. Rose at 4:30 and walked by the Barracks, Long Road Pond and South Beach by the Fort home. Bought five mullets for a bit. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.70.5, thermometer 79.5, wind east northeast, clear. Read Captain Marcy's "Report on the Exploration of the Headwaters of the Red River" and Household Words. The steamer *St. Lawrence* came in from New Orleans in the place of the steamer *Jasper*. Templeton has stopped his boats and they are laid up in the river. John P. Smith is on board and will command her. The Sloop of War *Jamestown*, Captain Jamison, with Commodore Crabb on board came in from Havana early in

the day.

Thursday, April 19. Rose at 4:30 and walk to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.63, thermometer 79, wind northeast, clear. Read Household Words. Went out to the lot after dinner where the Alburys are grinding hemp for a new charge. We find that the hemp at present in the vat works badly the butts being dry.

Friday, April 20. Rose at 4:30 having been awake since three and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.60, thermometer 79, wind east northeast, partly cloudy. At work all the forenoon drawing up an application for a patent for cleaning hemp in the name of George D. Allen.

Saturday, April 21. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.62, thermometer 79, calm, partly cloudy. Finished drawing up application for Patent in the name of George D. Allen. In the afternoon read Household Words and walked out to the lot with Matilda.

Sunday, April 22. The steamer *Isabel* got in at 5 A.M. and stopped but a few minutes. Rose at 4:30 and walked by the Barracks across by Long Pond to South Beach and round by the Fort. Bathed. At 12 A.M. barometer 29.60, thermometer 80, wind north northwest, partly cloudy. Thirty-one bags of books came by the mail and got them all up and opened them which detained me till near 12. Picked out Congressional Globe from volumes 18 to 25 inclusive having before volumes 26 to 29, Sitgreav's Report on the Cruise of the Dolphin, Finance King, Gardiner and Black Warrior.

Monday, April 23. Rose at 4:30 and walked as yesterday. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.58, thermometer 80, wind north northeast, partly cloudy. Received my second salary yesterday. Bishop Rutledge came by the steamer *Isabel* as did Judge William Marvin, Mr. Stamps and Mr. Thomas Gatewood. Drew up a declaration under the bound land bill for J. P. Smith and rough sketch of an argument in favor of George D. Allen's claim to letters of patent for cleaning hemp. The steamer *St. Lawrence* left for Havana about 9 P.M. She goes over to be sold (if on her arrival she should be liked) for the sum of \$100,000.00. There is something about the boat which looks suspicious she is said to belong to the filibusters. P.M. Finished claims for J.P. Smith and argument for Allen.

Tuesday, April 24. Rose at 4:30 and walked as yesterday and bathed. At 8:15 A.M. barometer 29.52, thermometer 80.5, wind northwest, cloudy. Last night about 8 P.M. a fresh wind from the northwest began. Wrote to the Solicitor of the Treasury and Treasurer and mailed them. Sent a copy of James C. Clapp's drawing of Key West to Mrs. C. Lightbourne at Savannah. The schooner *Champion* got in about 12 with a brigantine she picked up deserted day before yesterday. The brig has been stripped of her sails and has some water in her. She is supposed to be a slaver which having landed her cargo on the coast of Cuba was deserted as is usual with slavers except that they are usually sunk or burned after having made a successful voyage. Matilda quite sick with indigestion all day went to bed early and I went to Mary Ann Porter's to see Mr. Thomas Gatewood and had a long talk with him about Norfolk. Bishop Rutledge and Judge William Marvin came in and sat a short time.

Wednesday, April 25. Rose at 4:30 and walked as yesterday and bathed on return. At 8:45 A.M. barometer 29.50, thermometer 80, wind northeast, partly cloudy. The *St. Lawrence* got in from Havana in the night and sailed for New Orleans on her route about 9 A.M. John Geiger employed me to libel the brig he brought in which is supposed to be the *Horatio* of Thomas town. The brigantine *Andover*, Captain Hardy, laden with coal for Tift has been ashore on the reef and was got off by wreckers for which the Captain has agreed to pay them \$1,900.00 quite reasonable for the services rendered. Welch told me that I should have the business if she went into court. Captain Hardy says he thinks that the brig Captain John Geiger brought in is the *Horatio* he says he knew a brig of that name. The steamer *Isabel* got in shortly after three and left at 4 P.M. Welch thinks that he cannot sign drafts for the salvors. Captain Hardy promised to pay and wishes the case thrown into court to which Captain Hardy will agree. He does not think the amount too high but does not wish that the settlement of salvage cases should be taken from the court. The three last vessels which have been ashore were settled in that way. The slaver was so offensive when the commenced pumping out the water that the health officer ordered her off into the stream. Walked down to

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the Fort with Matilda, Mrs. Ossian Hart and Alexander Patterson.

Thursday, April 26. Rose at 4:30 and walked as yesterday. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.65, thermometer 80, wind northeast, partly cloudy with several rain squalls during yesterday and last night which lasted for but a few minutes and did not wet the ground much. After tea went to Senator Stephen Mallory's with Matilda who went up to Mrs. Mallory's room who lately gave birth to a daughter.

Friday, April 27. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bathed. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.64, thermometer 79, wind northeast, clear. Drew up and answer to the libel of Anthony Pent and others against the brigantine *Andover* of Boston. Senator Stephen Mallory for libellant and tried the case at 11. Was introduced to Judge Finley of Apalachicola District who has come down to hold court for Judge King. In the afternoon drew up a bond for Asa Tift, the owner of the coal in the *Andover*, to sign. Matilda and I were invited to a party at Major William H. Chase's but Matilda could not go and when the time for dressing arrived I concluded to go to bed instead.

Saturday, April 28. Rose at 4:30 and walked to the Salt Ponds and back by South Beach. Bathed. At 7:45 A.M. barometer 29.62, thermometer 79.5, wind east northeast, partly cloudy. The steamer *Star of the West* got in about 5 A.M. and coaled and got off at 10. Several of the passengers were left. She had 470 passengers. Judge William Marvin read the decree in the case of the Brigantine *Andover* giving \$1,700.00 salvage. Read papers and Law Register. Went to the church with Matilda.

Sunday, April 29. Rose at 4:30 and walked as yesterday, returned and bathed. At 7:30 A.M. barometer 29.62, thermometer 79.5, wind northeast, clear. The USS *Princeton* came in about 9 A.M. I saw several of the officers. Read papers. Walked to the Fort with the children.

Monday, April 30. Rose at 4:30 and walked as yesterday, returned and bathed. At 7:45 A.M. barometer 29.61, thermometer 79.8, wind east northeast, partly cloudy. In the night a slight rain fell. Drew up a libel in the name of Christopher Dunn against the slaver, the brig picked up last week by the schooner *Champion*. Left a card for Major William H. Chase and one for Professor Bache both being out. A brig

with a 150 tons of ice for A.F. Tift came in. About 2 P.M. I went up to the lot with George Allen where two men commenced working the vat this morning.

Tuesday, May 1. Rose at 4:30 and walked as yesterday, returned and bathed. At 8 A.M. the barometer 29.62, thermometer 79, wind east, clear. The USS *Princeton* got off to sea about 8 A.M. on a cruise for about ten days on the coast of Cuba. Paid Dr. S.F. Jones his bill to date \$3.25. Received from the Clerk of the District Court my fee in the case of the brig *Andover* \$75.00. Read papers. P.M. Siesta. Read "Canadian Cruises."

Wednesday, May 2. Rose at 4 and walked as yesterday, returned and bathed. At 7:30 A.M. barometer 29.59, thermometer 79, wind east southeast, partly cloudy. The *Jamestown* went to sea at about half past 6 and Major William Chase fired a salute as she passed the Fort which was returned by the ship. Read papers. Called on Judge Finley. The USS *San Jacinto* came in about 4 P.M. piloted by L. Carr.

Thursday, May 3. Rose at 4 and walked as yesterday, returned and bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.55, thermometer 80, wind southeast, partly cloudy. Asa Tift's infant boy nearly 12 months old died at 2 A.M. having been sick for many weeks, too much care, the child was kept from open air too much. Bought a Portemonnaie from Campbell for \$2.00 it was rusty and I bought it low. Read papers. At 4 P.M. went to the funeral of Tift's child and Stephen Mallory, Fernando Moreno, Felix Senac and myself rode in the carriage with the coffin. Went to walk with Matilda.

Friday, May 4. Rose at 4 and walked as yesterday, returned and bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.47, thermometer 81.5, nearly calm, partly cloudy. Got the books Asa F. Tift bought for me in New York. Mrs. Joseph Packer died last night of consumption. Read papers. After tea went with Matilda to Mary Ann Porter's and sat till near 10.

Saturday, May 5. Rose at 4 and walked as yesterday, returned and bathed. At 7:20 A.M. barometer 29.48, thermometer 81, wind north, clear. At 8:15 wind west northwest. Tried the case of J.H. Geiger vs. an unknown brig. The name of the brig, *Horatio*, of New York, can be seen on her stern thought blacked over. The Judge took notice of all the facts relative to the brig. About 5 P.M. the British 12 gun brig *Arab*, Commander Ogle, came in to get a full description of the Slaver. She saluted the

Commodore which was returned from the USS *San Jacinto* the third salute fired by that ship today, she having saluted Senator Stephen Mallory with 13 guns and Consul Salas with 7. Went to the practicing of the choir with Matilda.

Sunday, May 6. Rose at 4 and walked as yesterday, returned and bathed. At 7:45 A.M. barometer 29.53, thermometer 82, wind northeast, partly cloudy. Read Professional Ethics by Judge Sharswood.

Monday, May 7. Rose at 4 and walked as yesterday. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.52, thermometer 80, wind southeast, partly cloudy. The steamer *Isabel* got in early and I got my letters and papers. The HMS *Arab* went to sea early this morning. She came in for the purpose of learning all about the Slaver. Wrote to the Solicitor of the Treasury acknowledging receipt of the circular of the 28th of April. Also read the claim against C.L. Wells and that Wells says he will pay without suit. Wrote to Livingston for the April number of the Law magazine which has not come to hand although the May number has and to George R. Potter in answer to a letter of enquiry as to Joseph Bartlum's standing which I gave but wrote them that I would answer no more letters unless they pay me \$50.00 per year. Also wrote William Hunter, Department of State, acknowledging receipt of the Session Acts of 1854-55. P.M. Siesta and read papers.

Tuesday, May 8. Rose at 4 and walked as usual, returned and bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.45, thermometer 81.5, Wind south, partly cloudy. Dined at Judge William Marvin's with Judges Finley and Samuel Douglas.

Wednesday, May 9. Rose about sunrise. At 7:30 A.M. barometer 29.47, thermometer 82, wind west, partly cloudy. During the night suffered with a sore throat. I have coming a cold that everyone of the family has and which is very prevalent on the Key and having got up to put a wet bandage on my throat I got chilly and remained so until I put the wet bandage on my chest when I went to sleep. Did not walk as I wanted to remain in the wet cloth as long as I could. Wore the bandages out to the bath house and as soon as I took them off got into the water. Wrote to the Solicitor of the Treasury relative to Trespass on the Custom House lot by building a wharf in front of it. Reported the Slaver to W.L. Marcy, Secretary of State. The Slaver sold by the Marshall this morning brought \$500.00 for hull and spars.

Commenced taking ice today.

Thursday, May 10. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.52, thermometer 83, calm, clear. Last night suffered much from the cold blowing my nose all the time and severe pain in my ears, teeth and head. Could not sleep except in short naps and this morning I feel as if I had been sick for a month. Did not go for a walk but bathed. Annie who was sick at her stomach and vomited when she first rose. Wrote to Dr. Dell and sent him \$25.00 being the balance due on Elsie's wages and had the letter registered. Wrote to Mother. The steamer *Isabel* got in about 4 P.M. and remained about half an hour. Dr. L. Engle came to see Annie who is complaining.

Friday, May 11. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.50, thermometer 83, wind east southeast, cloudy, raw and disagreeable. I felt so sore when I woke that I did not go to walk. Cold rather better but my head is sore and I feel weak. Hatty burnt two fingers last night with the lamp and this morning got a piece of hot hominy on her wrist which burnt her considerably. The USS *Princeton* came in last night and the USS *San Jacinto* is still in port. Senator Stephen Mallory gave me a *Camellia Japonica*. He has a box of Japanese plants which he received by the last trip of the steamer *Isabel*. Celia is quite sick today. I sent for Dr. S.F. Jones for her. Had a rice pudding yesterday made of dried milk and found it good. Annie quite sick.

Saturday, May 12. Rose at 4 and walked as usual, returned and bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.50, thermometer 79, wind east, partly cloudy. A good rain fell in the night. Annie sick, Celia better but very sore. The USS *San Jacinto* dragged anchor last night and fouled the USS *Princeton* and got up steam to returned to her old berth which induced me to think that she had gone to sea. Little or no injury was sustained by the ship. P.M. Siesta and read Putnam's magazine. Annie better.

Sunday, May 13. Rose at 4 and walked as usual, returned and bathed. At 7:40 A.M. barometer 29.56, thermometer 78, wind northeast, cloudy with some rain during the night. I found a turtle's nest with 87 eggs, 6 of which I broke. The nest was inside near Whitehead's Point. It was a very small turtle and I think a Hawksbill. The thermometer at the house at 6 A.M. was 74. Read papers.

Monday, May 14. Rose at 4 and walked as usual. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.55,

thermometer 77.5, wind east southeast partly cloudy. Last evening the Sloop of War *Cyane* came in. Went up to the State Court. P.M. Siesta, read papers.

Tuesday, May 15. Rose at 4 and walked as usual, returned and bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.57, thermometer 79, wind east southeast, cloudy. Mrs. Ellen Mallory died at 4 A.M. of Gout in the stomach. She has been in bad health for the 2 to 3 years. Went to Court, when the Grand Jury was organized the Court allowed me to file a plea of Limitations to the case of Haley vs. J.P. Smith and we tried the case. The jury brought in a verdict in favor of plaintiff contrary to law, evidence and the charge of the Court and I gave notice that I would move for a new trial upon these grounds. The USS *Fulton* came in about 11 A.M. At 5:30 P.M. went to Mrs. Mallory's funeral as one of the Mourners.

Wednesday, May 16. Rose at 4 and walked as usual. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.50, thermometer 79, Wind east southeast, cloudy and raining sparsely. Yesterday I put on my flannel shirts my cold getting worse and I think I shall wear it all summer at least. The USS *Jamestown* came in about 7 A.M. and saluted the Commodore which was returned. Went to Court and got a new trial in the case of Haley vs. Smith. Siesta, reading Angell on "Tide Waters."

Thursday, May 17. William Wall's cistern ran over and had about two feet of water in it before the rain commenced. The cisterns were all filled and the ponds have a good deal of water in them I suppose we will have plenty mosquitoes in about 10 days. At Circuit Court all day where we argued the bill for injunction to restrain Davis and Geiger and Company from erecting a wharf at the foot of Greene Street. Senator Stephen Mallory, S.F. Douglas and I were for Complainants, McCall and Stephens for Davis and Company. It was after 6 P.M. when we got through.

Friday, May 18. Rose at 4 and walked round by the beach to the Salt Ponds plain and crossed over and back by the Barracks. Bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.45.5, thermometer 81, wind east southeast, clear. Bought an Alpaca coat from L.M. Shaffer for which I paid \$5.62 and a dozen socks of white at \$3.25 and four pairs of stockings for Hatty. P.M. Siesta.

Saturday, May 19. Rose at 4 and walked as yesterday, returned and bathed. At 7:30

A.M. barometer 29.50, thermometer 81, wind east southeast, partly cloudy. The USS *San Jacinto* went to sea at 6 A.M., she takes no pilot. At court all day, tried the case of Haley vs. Smith and verdict for Haley. Hicks swearing that J.P. Smith promised to pay when he had a settlement with Tift and that Smith told him that he had settled with Tift. During the trial he said that Smith promised to pay when he got the money and I believe that Hicks is perjured. The *St. Lawrence* came in about 9 A.M.

Sunday, May 20. Overslept myself and did not get out of the house till half past 4. Walked round by the Fort up to Simonton Road when I returned by way of the Lighthouse. Bathed. At 8:20 A.M. barometer 29.48.2, thermometer 81.5, wind north northwest, partly cloudy. Read Household Words.

Monday, May 21. Rose at 4 and walked as usual on the beach, returned and bathed. At 8 A.M. barometer 29.45, thermometer 81.5, wind northwest, partly cloudy. Went to Circuit Court and after a few orders canceling recognizance, court adjourns. Judge William Marvin opened court about 12 and read his decree in the case of the unknown brig giving 60% of the gross amount of the sales being \$389.00. The Sloop of War *Cyane* went to sea in the forenoon. The USS *Fulton* practiced at a target in the afternoon. P.M. Siesta and read Household Words. Heard that a ship loaded with cotton was ashore on the reef.

Tuesday, May 22. Rose at 4 and walked as usual, returned and bathed. At 8:30 A.M. barometer 29.47.5, thermometer 81.5, wind northwest, cloudy. The steamer *Isabel* got in this morning about 2 A.M. Tift and Winer Bethel came in her. Got letters and papers. Senator Stephen Mallory received six bags of books which I opened. They were all messages and documents. The USS *Fulton* went to sea about 8 A.M. leaving only the USS *Jamestown*. In the afternoon attended the funeral of Miss Agnes Randall, daughter of Thomas Randall of Middle Florida. She died of consumption on her way to Baltimore. Judge Randall arrived in the *St. Lawrence*.

Wednesday, May 23. Rose at 4 and walked up the beach to the Salt Pond plain. The mosquitoes being pretty bad, returned by way of the beach. Dined at Phillip Fontane's with Hull, Adams, Litton, Judge Randall, Judge Douglas and Judge Finley. The Frigate *Constitution* is off the harbor.

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Table Key (Fort Paulding). [The "fort" was named for Secretary of the Navy James K. Paulding by Lt. Coste commanding the revenue cutter *Campbell* when he constructed a boat house and storehouse there in October 1838] Sent spars, rigging, and sails ashore for building a new mast. Held survey [inspection and report of condition] of [old] main mast.

Jan. 29 Seaman given twelve lashes for drunkenness, twelve for insolence, and twelve for quarreling. [despite a law which limited commanding officers' punishment authority to twelve lashes]. Sent the 1st and 2nd Divisions on shore to exercise [at small arms and shore operations]. Exercised long gun. Sent carpenters ashore to work on mast.

Jan. 30 to Feb. 1. 1st and 2nd Divisions sent ashore on alternate days to exercise at small arms. [to prepare sailors for fighting on land]

Feb. 1 *Otsego* arrived in harbor. Received turtle and fresh provisions for crew. [The schooner *Otsego* was another unit of the Mosquito Fleet].

Feb. 5 Received spar from Indian Key [the wreckers settlement about one mile away]

Feb. 6 1st and 2nd Divisions ashore to exercise at small arms.

Feb. 7 Lighter of water and barrel of lime received from Indian Key.

Feb. 8 *Flirt* arrived and departed.

Feb. 9 *Otsego* underway to the east.

Feb. 10 1st Division ashore to exercise at small arms. Received 340 gallons of water.

Feb. 11 Sent 50 gallons of water ashore to Tea Table.

Feb. 12 Received turtle. 2nd Division ashore to exercise at small arms.

Feb. 13 Four barges arrived with men under charge of Passed Midshipman Lewis and landed at Fort Paulding. [Twenty-oared, single-masted, gun barges were used to patrol the southern coast and the Keys and probe shallow coves, inlets, and river mouths for Indians.] Sailmakers employed ashore.

Feb. 14 1st and 3rd Divisions ashore to exercise at small arms.

Feb. 15 Passed Midshipman Carter, Midshipman Comeggs, and Doctor Jeffery left with sixteen volunteers to join a detachment from *Otsego* on an expedition to Cape Sable.

Feb. 16 Received 180 gallons of water from Indian Key.

Feb. 17. Received from storehouse on shore 49 ½ pounds of cheese. 3rd Division ashore to exercise at small arms.

Feb. 19 Received 230 gallons of water from Indian Key. Sent 36 gallons to Tea Table.

Feb. 20 Received turtle. [Sighted] large ship aground on Alligator Reef. Sent two barges under Passed Midshipman Lewis to assist ship. 2nd Division ashore to exercise at small arms. Ship [hauled] off reef.

Feb. 22 Scrubbed hammocks.

Feb. 23 Received 210 gallons of water and one Bristol brick from Indian Key. [If any reader knows what a Bristol brick is and what it was used for, I would appreciate hearing from you.]

Feb. 24 Scrubbed clothes. *Otsego* underway. Received from store house two bbls. whiskey, beef, pork.

Feb. 25 2nd Division ashore to exercise at small arms. Received 190 gallons of water from Indian Key. Received 420 gallons of water from Indian Key.

Feb. 26 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Divisions ashore to exercise at small arms.

Feb. 27 *Otsego* underway, stood out to south. Flogged seaman one dozen lashes for being drunk.

Feb. 28 3rd Division ashore to exercise at small arms.

Feb. 29 1st Division ashore to exercise at small arms.

Mar. 1 Boarded schooner *Satellite*, six days from Key West with stores for the expedition.

Mar. 2 Carpenters sent ashore to work on main mast.

Mar. 3 Loading stores from *Satellite*.

Mar. 5 Received from storehouse ashore tobacco and cartridges. Received spun yarn from Indian Key. Four seamen punished, 24 lashes each, for riotous conduct ashore.

Mar. 7 Received paint, rope, lamp oil, and turpentine from Tea Table. Punished seaman two dozen lashes for being drunk. Borrowed spar from Indian Key for a shear leg. [one of two or more guyed poles, spread at the base and joined at the top, used to hoist heavy objects.]

Mar. 8 Towed alongside and got on board [new] main mast.

Mar. 9 Received 252 gallons of water from Indian Key. Stepped main mast. Riggings main mast.

Mar. 10 Sent carpenters to Indian Key to work. Received 15 lbs. of tallow from Tea Table.

Mar. 11 Received 67 fathoms of rope from Indian Key [There was a store on

Indian Key which stocked supplies for the wrecking vessels and the settlers.]

Mar. 12 Received 50 fathoms of rope from Indian Key.

Mar. 13 Received lighter load of water.

Mar. 14 Sent up main topmast. Received lighter load of water from Indian Key, also six mast hoops and three sheets of copper.

Mar. 18 Received stores from Indian Key including 150 yards of duck canvas.

Mar. 20 Received launch load of water from N [Upper] Matecumbe [there was a large sinkhole there]. Also received six small bars of iron, two pieces of mahogany, one small lamp, and one large double block.

Mar. 21 Sent armorers [gunners mates?] and sailmakers ashore to work. Painting.

Mar. 23 Disrated man for drunkenness. Received pork, flour, candles, whiskey, and cheese from Tea Table.

Mar. 24 Received pilot on board. Got underway, met *Flirt*, reanchored at Tea Table.

Mar. 25 Underway, stood to northeast. Light ship [at Carysfort Reef] in sight. Stood up inside reef. Anchored at Key Biscayne.

Mar. 26 Received two boats, 42 oars, 32 muskets, 32 bayonet scabbards, 500 musket flints, buckshot cartridges [a storage depot had been established at Key Biscayne]. Got underway.

Mar. 27 Passing Key Largo, New [Upper] Matecumbe, anchored at Tea Table.

Mar. 28 Sent guns and ammunition to Passed Midshipman Lewis [in gun barge], to *Flirt*, and to *Otsego*. Making preparations for a boat expedition to Cape Sable which Capt. Rodgers joined in the barge. Received six tomahawks from Tea Table. Underway with *Otsego*.

Mar. 29 Anchored Old Roads [Rhodes Key] harbor. [Underway] Anchored Key Biscayne.

Mar. 30 Watering ship. Set up [tightened] fore stay.

Mar. 31 Got on board the store house [dismantled] and a 6 pounder carronade, also boxes of marine hats, got underway.

Apr. 2 Anchored at Tea Table. Sent the lumber [dismantled storehouse] brought from Key Biscayne [ashore], also the carronade.

Apr. 3 Received beef, pork, bread, pickles, raisins from Tea Table.

Apr. 4 The expedition returned from Cape Sable.

Apr. 5 *Otsego* and *Flirt* came in.

Apr. 6 Received stores from shore. Lt. Sloan [USMC] and seventeen marines came aboard, also three blood hounds and one keeper. [An attempt to track Indians with bloodhounds was tried with little success] Received 200 gallons of water.

Apr. 7 Underway with *Flirt* and *Otsego* to the southwest. Anchored off Night's [Knight's] Key in 10 fathoms. Went aground, got off.

Apr. 8 Sighted Cape Sable, anchored. Sent Lt. Sloan's marines to shore with 500 buckshot cartridges. [*Otsego* had arrived at the Cape ahead of *Wave* and *Flirt* and sent twenty four sailors and marines ashore to examine the area. Immediately after landing, they were attacked by a large party of Indians estimated to number about sixty. The sailors and marines returned fire. The *Wave* and *Flirt* arrived shortly thereafter and sent reinforcements ashore. When the Indians saw the additional boats headed for the beach, they withdrew. The skirmish had lasted for two and a half hours. Sailors saw two or three Indians fall, but they were carried off by their companions. There were no fatalities among the sailors and marines. In his report to the Secretary of the Navy, McLaughlin stated "the men behaved very coolly." Oddly, the *Wave's* log makes no mention of the skirmish on shore.]

Apr. 9 Underway, chased sail. *Billow* [gun barge] with Midshipman Murray left for Tea Table. Boarded sloop *Rival* three days from Key West. Anchored. Underway, beating up for Cape Sable. Anchored Cape Sable.

Apr. 10 Anchored Cape Sable, watering.

Apr. 12 Boarded sloop *Rival*, a turtler. Inspected crew at quarters. Performed divine services.

Apr. 13 Underway to northwest.

Apr. 14 Grounded at mouth of Shark River in 6 feet. Heaved off. Capt. Rodgers left with *Billow* and gig to go up Shark River. Received load of fire wood.

Apr. 15 Boats returned. Underway to Cape Sable, met *Flirt* and *Otsego* there. Grounded, watering. Lt Sloan's marines returned. Underway standing to northwest with *Flirt*, *Otsego*, and Midshipman Lewis' boats.

Apr. 16 Saw *Otsego* at anchor inshore. Hove to waiting for *Flirt* to come up. *Otsego* saw a strong party of Indians on beach. Received marines from *Flirt*, stood inshore, hove to, sent all forces ashore along with those of *Flirt* and *Otsego*.

Apr. 17 Fires in sight on shore. Boats returned, Indians having fled from their encampment. Landed forces again., standing on and off. Saw fires after dark. Sent water ashore for marines.

Apr. 18 Saw large fire on shore.

Apr. 19 Expedition returned from interior. Underway from vicinity of Key McLaughlin, headed south.

Apr. 20 At Cape Sable, spoke *Otsego*, found Passed Midshipman Lewis and boats [there]. Went aground in 5 1/2 feet of water. Watering.

Apr. 21 Underway from Cape Sable.

Apr. 22 Anchored at Key West. Found *Otsego* there. Received supplies and water.

Apr. 23 Received a turtle.

Apr. 24 Liberty men returned. Underway.

Apr. 25 In sight east end Bahia Honda. Anchored Tea Table.

Apr. 26 Sent fourteen marines and three barrels of whiskey ashore, also dogs. Midshipman Murray left the vessel to join the gun boats under command of Passed Midshipman Lewis. Underway to the west.

Apr. 29 Anchored off Fort Brook, Tampa Bay.

May 1 Took on ammunition from Fort Brook. Grounded. Underway.

May 2 Came to off Mullet Key Hospital.

May 5 Sent to Punta Rassa for firewood and lumber.

May 6 Got underway. Boarded brigantine *Flotilla*, one month from St. Jago de Cuba bound to Quebec, having lost her captain and being in want of provisions. Sent Midshipman Comeggs on board to take her to Key West plus 20 pounds of salt beef.

May 7 Anchored Key West. Dragged anchor. Got underway and reanchored.

May 8 Watering ship. Received 2 bbls. of flour, 2 bushels beans, 3 bbls. molasses. Andrew Roundlett deserted from boat on shore. Expended water - 75 gals.

May 9 Made sail on the larboard [port] tack. Beating up [tacking against wind] inside reef.

4 - 6 pm Several sails in sight. 7:30 Anchored in Loggerhead Key Harbor [off Cudjoe Key] in 2 fathoms. Furled sails. 4 am Underway. Stood up the reef. At 5:30, Looe Key Beacon bore SWbW, 5 miles. 9 am : Punished Chas. _____ and Wm. Levan with the cats for drunkenness. At 11:30 came to in the basin off Tea Table Key. Expended water - 76 gals.

May 10 Sent all canoes, some six in

number, on shore to Tea Table [to train sailors and marines in paddling and poling canoes. The expedition had some 60 canoes for penetrating the Everglades.]. Several sail standing along the reef. Inspected the crew at quarters. Boarded the English brigantine *Yorbella*, bound from Havana to Europe. 8 to midnight: Overhauled and boarded sloop _____. Sent P. Midshipman Montgomery Lewis to board a suspicious looking schooner. [Part of the mission of the Mosquito Fleet was to intercept any vessels attempting to smuggle arms and ammunition to the Indians].

8 - meridian [noon] Inspected crew at quarters. Performed divine services. English brigantine underway and went to sea.

May 11 4 - 8 am Repaired topsail. 8 - 12 noon Exercised small arms and the long gun. Sent carpenter on shore to repair boats. Sent Luke Jones on shore sick. [There was a small hospital on Tea Table]

May 12 12 - 4 pm Carpenters ashore repairing canoes. 6 - 8 pm At sunset, inspected crew at quarters. 4 - 8 am Sent carpenters ashore. 4:30 am Underway, stood up the reef.

May 13 12 - 4 pm Beating up inside the reef, several sails in sight. At 4, the lightship [at Carysfort] bore S, distance 5 miles. 7 pm Anchored in 2 fathoms about 5 miles above Caesar's Creek. 4:30 am underway. 5:30 Passed brig ashore and a wrecking sloop lending assistance. 8 am Passed Cape Florida lighthouse.

May 14 12:30 pm Hove to off Ft. Lauderdale. Received from ashore and hoisted in a large bateau and a canoe. Also a great quantity of slops [clothing issued to seamen and charged against their pay], 1 boat kedge, 2 small chains. 3:30 pm Filled away and made sail to the S. 6 pm Sighted Cape Florida lighthouse. 7:50 pm Anchored in 3 fathoms off Soldier Key. 4:30 am Underway, at 6 am came to at Key Biscayne in 2 1/2 fathoms. Found *Otsego* here. Commenced watering. 8 - 12 *Otsego* underway. Broke out [cleared] the hold to unsling the centerboard.

May 15 12 - 4 pm Unshipped centerboard. Sent it on shore. 4 - 8 am Hove up larboard anchor, loosed sails. 8 - 12 Steamer *Wm. Gaston* arrived from Fort Dallas [at mouth of Miami River].

May 16 Shipped centerboard. Received 7 boxes percussion caps. Watering. Hoisted on board the Shocco [gun barge] and one cannon. Received 1 bbl sour crout [to

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prevent scurvy] and 3 kegs pickles.

May 17 Received 6 axe handles from quartermaster. Let go larboard anchor and veered to 14 fathoms. Heavy squalls.

May 18 10:30 am Underway, beating out channel, *Otsego* in company.

May 19 Beating to S. 6:15 pm anchored off Caesar's Creek. 5 am Underway, beating to S along Key Largo. 6:20 am Came to off Tavernier with starboard anchor.

May 20 11:30 pm Anchored at Tea Table.

May 21 Received 2 bloodhounds from ashore.

May 22 Filled 739 buckshot and ball cartridges and 190 ball do. [ditto]. Sent on shore to P. Midshipman Lewis 1 box percussion caps and 50 musket flints. To Lt. Sloan: 1080 buckshot and ball cartridges, 2 camp kettles, 15 yds. match rope, 50 musket flints and a quantity of nails and tacks. Sent to *Otsego* 1 compass. Sent to the store house 1 keg cannon tubes. Sent the marines on shore. 4 - 8 am Scraped the masts. 8 - meridian Received on board 8 gals. vinegar, 6 boxes raisins, 10 bbls. bread, 4 bbls. pork. Sent P. Midshipman Lewis 4 oars.

May 23 Sent gang ashore to cut wood. Sent to P. Midshipman Lewis 200 buck and ball cartridges. Received 7 bbls. bread, 4 bbls. flour, 1 bbl. rice, 3 bbl. beef. Sent to Lt. Sloan 20 fathoms of small manilla rope, 23 grommets. Sent P. Midshipman Lewis 7 oars. 4 - 8 am 6:40 Underway, beat out of the channel. At 8 standing along the land to the S&E. 8 - meridian Beating to windward inside reef.

May 24 Beating down the reef. 6 - 8 pm 7: 50 Came to in 4 fathoms. Veered to 20 fathoms of chain. 4 - 8 pm At 4 underway and stood to windward. 8 - meridian Beating down reef. At 10 inspected the crew and performed divine services.

May 25 4 - 6 am Standing to the W inside reef off entrance of Bahia Honda channel. 6 - 8 am At 6:20 anchored off Bahia Honda Keys. 4 - 8 am 4:30 Underway, made all sail to S&W. 7:30 Discovered Key West lighthouse. 8 - meridian 11 am Anchored Key West harbor.

May 26 Received from ashore 6 bbls. bread, 4 deck buckets, 1 doz. hickory brooms, 1 hand saw, 1 gouge, 2 claw hammers, 1 hand vice, 1 coil 2-in. rope, 1 coil 18 thd. and 1 coil 12 thd., 200 asstd. fish hooks, 3 papers tacks, 6 bbls. cut nails, 6 lb. wrought nails, 3 bbls. whiskey, 1 bbl. vinegar, 6 turtles, 170 gals. water. 4 - 6

pm Received 1 bbl. flour, 1 rice, 5 lbs of sewing twine. Received on board Andrew Roundlett, deserter from this vessel. 8 pm - 12 am Received 2 globe signal lanterns and 1 box candles. Schooner *Otsego* arrived. 4 - 8 am 4:30 Underway. At 8, lightship bore SWb3/4 S, distance 8 miles.

May 27 At 3 pm, came to off Cape Sable and furled sails. Sent down fore topgallant mast and topsail yards. Found here the boats under command of Lt. Sloan, P. Midshipman Lewis, and Lt. Shubrick. At 9 pm, Lt. Commander Rodgers [apparently the captain had been promoted] left the vessel in the barge *Shocco* accompanied by P. Midshipman Earles, Midshipman _____ and 20 men with the boats. Got underway, stood to the N. Sent Lt. Sloan 10 oars and 2 buckets. To Midshipman Lewis, 4 oars. During night let go starboard anchor. At daylight commenced watering ship. 8 - meridian Watering, hove up starboard anchor.

May 28 Watering. 5:20 pm Underway to N. At 10:15, passed Key McLaughlin, at 11 Lostmans Key.

May 29 At 2 pm discovered Cape Romano, at 3 came to in 8 feet of water.

May 30 Loosed sails to dry. 8 - meridian At 10:30, Lt. Cdr. Rodgers returned on board with *Shocco* and boats under command of P. Midshipman Lewis.

May 31 Cape Romano. At 1:30 pm underway, stood over to the E at 4, Lt Sloan of the Marines reached the vessel with his boats. Came to in 10 feet of water. 6:50 am Underway and stood up the bay to the N & W. 8 - meridian At 9:30 came to in 10 feet of water.

June 1 At 1:30 pm, boats left the vessel and stood to the N & W in search of Warrens River. Got underway and commenced beating over to Cape Romano. At 5, grounded in 6 1/2 feet of water, Cape 4 miles distant. At 6 pm, low water, 3 1/2 feet alongside. Carried out anchor to E. Surveyed and hove overboard 76 lbs. of bread. At 1:30 am, hove off by hawser, stood to ESE. At 2:30 came to in 2 fathoms, furled sails. 8 - meridian At 8:30 saw the boats of the expedition inshore. Dispatched the *Billow* to the Cape for water. Punished Andrew Roundlett with the cats [flogged him] for desertion.

June 2 At 7:30 pm, the *Billow* returned. Received 81 gals. water. 8 - meridian. At 10:45 Lt. Sloan reached this vessel with the boats under his command. [returning from an expedition into the Everglades.]

June 3 At 1 pm underway with the

batteaux in tow and stood down inside Romano shoal. At 10:40, came to in 5 1/2 fathoms. At 5 am, underway and stood to the S.

The Wave's log ends here. She continued to operate as a unit of the Mosquito Fleet until hostilities ended in May 1842.

The Wave's commander, Lt. John Rodgers, led numerous expeditions of sailors and marines into the Everglades in pursuit of the ever-elusive Seminoles. It was the most arduous and debilitating duty imaginable. Under the burning sun, the men poled and dragged their dugout canoes across the trackless wilderness of the Glades. The razor-sharp sawgrass cut their uniforms to shreds and inflicted festering wounds. For days and weeks on end, they lived, ate, and slept on the narrow thwarts of their canoes. Indian bullets were the least of their concerns. Heat, mosquitoes, exhaustion, and fever were the real enemies.

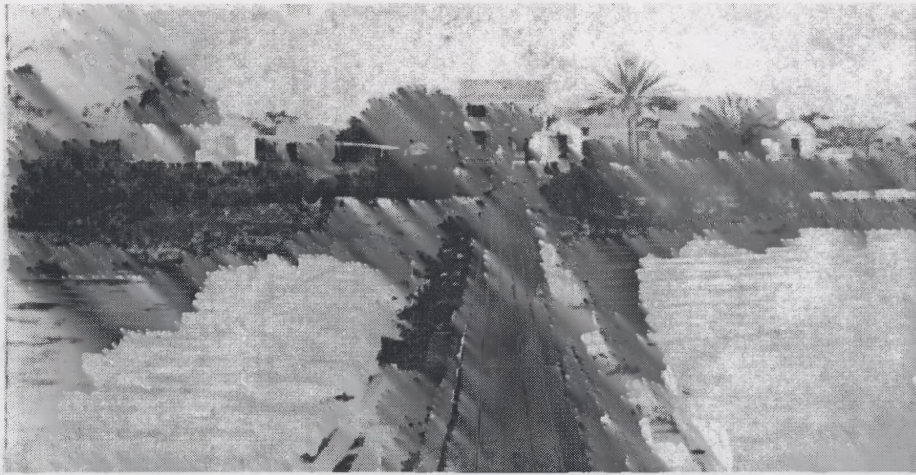
Lt. Rodgers experience in the war in southern Florida and the Keys was valuable training for his duty during the Civil War when he commanded groups of gunboats on the Savannah and James Rivers.

After the war, the Wave continued service as a survey vessel until at least 1846.

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Planter community that Dora visited on November 20, 1910. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

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they were made we went down to Lizzie's. Mr. Henry Russell came to see us.

November 26.

The *Mystery* came today. We are going o Planter tomorrow.

January 8, 1911.

Over a month has passed since I have written in you, dear old memory book. Went to Key West to spend Xmas. Left Key West on December 31. Arrived here on Monday January 2. Nothing of importance has happened. School opens tomorrow.

February 8. Two months of my school term has past. I wish that the four were up I am home sick for a sight of the city. We had quite a surprise this evening. Mr. Roger Albury and Mr. Berlin Sawyer came to see us. It is the first time that have met them.

February 11.

Today is any twenty first birthday. I spent the day at the Bight. Merlin Albury and Willard Albury spent the day here.

February 19.

Went to see Lizzie Curry this morning. She came back with us for dinner. In the afternoon we went to see the train. When we came back and found Mr. Henry Russell here.

February 20.

The Albury family came to visit us today. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Albury and sons Paul, Harold, and Mr. Merlin. Daughters Lorena, Hazel, Valda, Florence, Lucile and Mrs. Johnson and her daughter. This afternoon we went wading and got coffee shells.

March 20.

Went down to Lizzie's this afternoon to make caramels. Met Mr. Porter and Mr. Frank Richards.

March 21.

Lizzie, Porter and Frank came here this afternoon. We took a walk to the school house.

July 17, 1912.

Dear old memory book it has been over a year since I have written in you. Left Key West on June 15th. Traveled on the Florida East Coast Railroad, a very pleasant journey. Our most important stop was at Rochelle, we staid there two (short) hours. We were considered curiosities there. They were four in our party, Sadie, Hilda, Emma and myself. We reached here on Sunday 16th. Gainesville is a very pretty place. The people are fine. We went automobling quite often. Dr. Kelley gave a reception for the students for the Normal on 18th. Went to the pictures last night and for a ride. I am going to write a little every day.

July 20, 1912.

Yesterday the faculty called a meeting, decided to make every one go to their rooms at 7:30 and stay there until next morning unless special permission was given. We were to go out with Mr. Atkins in his auto but we could not. He is going to take us tomorrow afternoon. I am having an easy time of it today. The girls brought me my dinner so I did not have to dress.

September 8, 1914.

Dear old memory book it has been years since I have written in you, much has happened. I am now engaged. School opens today. This is my fourth year at teaching.

April 2, 1916.

Dear old Memory Book much has happened since I have written in you. Aunt Mamie died Wednesday night March the 31st at 8:00. It seems impossible to believe she is dead.

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