



Texas Navy Association

Historical Article



Texas Navy Admiral R F “Bobby” Riegel was kind enough to provide us with this, the only known transcription of a log kept by Midshipman Alfred Walke on the Sloop of War Austin, during the period of April 10, 1843 to August 7, 1843.

Walke wrote on an old used log book by turning it over and using the back side of the sheets.

Transcript

Journal of a cruise of the Sloop of War Austin
April 10, 1843 - August 7, 1843

Alfred Walke, Mids'n

Transcription by Admiral R f Riegel

1. Journal of a Cruise of the Texas Sloop of
2. War Austin Commodore E W Moore Comang
3. 1843
4. Sea time }
5. P.M. Remarks Sunday April 10 of 1843
6. At 9.15 as we got underweigh in Tow of the Steamer Lion down
7. The Mississippi River the U.S. Sloop of War Ontario gave us three
8. hear
9. -by cheers which was returned by the crews of both vessels (the
10. ship and the Brig Wharton our consort) & after several delays
11. caused by Foggs trying Patent Shot invented by Dr. Massey of
12. New Orleans & the tow boat leaving us at the Balize did
13. Not arrive in Salt Water until;-
14. April 20th
15. At 5 to 5 P.M. when we weighed our anchor in

16. Company with the Brig Wharton, Made Sail, Beat to Quar
17. -ters Shotted the Guns, Beat the Retreat & steered for Telchae
18. where we we expected to meet the Mexican Steamer Montezu
19. -ma Lat by Obit 28°50' N at Meridian
20. April 21st 1843
21. During the night of the 20th the Brig parted company
22. with us. Exercised our crew at General Quarters from Four
23. until 6 P.M. At 10.30 A.M. Called all hands to witness sen
24. -tence of Court Martial in the Case of the Mutineers of the Tex-
25. as Schr. of War San Antonio, when the Articles of War were
26. Read, The Charges & justifications also read against
27. Fredrick Sheppard (late Boatswain of the San Antonio) who was
28. Acquitted and released, J M e Williams (seaman) who was not guilty
29. Of the 1st and 2nd charges and guilty of the 3rd but recommended
30. To mercy and was pardoned & released from Confinement &
31. Wm Barrington (seaman) who was guilt but in considera
32. -tion of his informing Mr Dearborn (Lt on board the S.A.) at the last
33. moment that a mutiny was to take place his sentence was
34. 100 lashes with the cat & tails he would have it inflicted
35. on him the next day at Meridian.
36. The charges were Mutiny, Murder and attempt to Mur-
37. der & Desertion.

38.
39. April 22nd 1843
40. Fine breezes and the ship going along finely the Brig not in
41. Company and every four hours during the night firing a gun as
42. A signal for her should she be in hearing. At 11 A.M. Called
43. All hands to witness Punishment when the sentence of the Court Mar-
44. -tial was executed on Wm Barrington.
45. Lat by orbit at Merid 25°36'20" N.
46.
47. P.M. April 23rd 1843
48. This day pleasant weather ship jugging merrily along for the Telchae
49. Exercise the crew at General Quarters.
50. Lat by Orbit at Merid 26°26'45" N.
51.
52. P.M. April 24th 1843
53. Exercising our men. Ship going slowly along. Brig not
54. in Company.
55. Lat at Merid 25°35' N.
56.
57. April 25th 1843
58. P.M. This day Beating for Telchae At 11.30 A.M. Called all hands
59. To witness sentence of Court Martial in case of the Schr San Antonio
60. when the Articles of War were read & and the charges & and specifi-
61. cations
62. of charges also read against Edward Keenan who was Guilty of
63. the 3rd Charge & Punished immediately with 100 lashes with the
64. Cats &
65. released and Antonio Landvis (marine) Wm Simpson (Corp e Ma-
66. rines} Isaad Allen & James Hudgins (seaman) who were found Guilty of
67. all the charges and sentence to be Hung at the
68. Fore Yard Arm and given until Meridian next day to prepare
69. to die when the crew was piped down & and the prisoners were se-
70. cure
71. on the Quarter Deck abaft No 9 Gun.
72. P.M.
73. April 26th 1843
74. P.M.
75. April 27th 1843
76. At 1.30 P.M. Lowered the Prisoners down & and gave them to the
77. Mas-
78. -ter to prepare for burial. At 1.40 Filled away. At 2.30 Laid the
79. Main Top Sail to the Mast & called all hands to bury the Dead and
80. After reading the Funeral Service over them their Earthly re-
81. -mains were committed to the Deep. Filled away & stood on
82. our Course until 12 P.M. when we hove to. At 10.30 AM filled away
83. & made sail. Brig not in Company.
84. Lat at Meridian 22°09'22" N.
85.
86. April 28th 1843
87. P.M. Got everything ready for an engagement. At 6.45 Hove to. At
88. 4.30 Made Telchae Enemy's Steamer Montezuma not there as ex-
89. pected
90. At 11.50 Filled away & stood off & on. At daylight the Wharton in
91. sight.
92. At 4.15 laid Mizzen Top Sail to the Mast for her to come up with us.
93. Over
94. At 10.30 A.M. Filled away, Made Sail & stood for Sisal the Brig
95. Wharton being in Company.
96.
97. April 29th 1843
98. Still Beating for Telchae. At 11.30 Laid the Fore Top Sail to
99. The mast and Hoisted the Colours. At 11.45 Called all hands to ex-
100. ecute

101. At 2 P.M. Shortened sail and Hove to off the Harbour of Sisal
102. when a Boat from shore came off to us & told us the Enemies
103. Squadron was off Campeche. At 5 P.M. Filled away and shortened
sail
104. To Topsails and Jib & run off standing for Campeche going 10 ½
knots.
105. an hour until 10.30 P.M. when we Hauled out the Reef Tac-
106. -kle & backed Main Top Sail. At 5 A.M. hoisted the Top Sails
107. & won ship to the Nd. & Ed. And stood on until 11AM when hove
ship.
108. At 12 M. Tacked ship and hove too. Brig Wharton in Company
109. Lat by Obit 20°26' N.
110.
111. April 30th 1843 The First Action
112. P.M. Getting ready to attack the enemy expecting to them at
113. Campeche. At 5.30 P.M. Beat to Quarters & got every thing ready
114. For Action. Standing in for Campechy. At 7.05 P.M. Came to
115. Anchor in 3 Fathoms water off Campeche.
116. At 4 A.M. Called all hands and piped the Hammocks up. At 4.30
Called
117. all hands Up Anchor to stand off until the sea breeze set in. At 4.45
118. as the day broke the Enemy hove in sight Consisting of the Steamer
Montezu-
119. ma 7 Guns & Guadeloupe 4 Guns Brigs Yucateco 12 Guns and Iman
7 Guns
120. Schn Eagle 7 Guns & Campechano 3 Guns, we were then standing
for
121. The Land on the Starboard Tack the Brig Wharton in Company, with
the
122. Wind about E.S.E. At 6.35 Hove the Main Top Sail to the Mast to
let the
123. Brig come up with us. At 6.40 filled away. At 6.50 Tacked Ship &
stood
124. For the Enemy trying to get the weather Gage of them. At 6.55
made signal
125. 77. At 7.05 Hoisted the Texas Ensign at the Peak & Mizzen the
Broad Pennant at

126. the Main & the English & American Ensigns at the Fore. When the
crews of
127. both vessels gave three cheers. Made signal 76. At 7.10 the Mont-
ezuma ap-
128. peared to be aground. Set the Fore Sail. At 7.14 the Schn. Sisaleno
& Independen
129. -cia & Five Gun Boats from Campeche hove in sight standing for
us. At this
130. same time the Montezuma succeeded in getting off When the En-
emy wore round & stood
131. to the Sd. Finding we were coming in on them too fast. At 7.30 the
Enemy wore & stood
132. for us. Hauled up the Fore Sail. At 7.35 the Enemy commenced fir-
ing at us, Most
133. of their shot passed over us some fell short but none struck us At
7.50 Manned our
134. Larbd Battery and exchanged BroadSides with the Enemy's Steamer
the Sail Ves-
135. sels then on our Starboard bow on the Starboard tack. At 7.55 the
136. Enemy's sail vessels tacked to keep out of our reach when we hove
in stays and fired
137. Our starbrd broadsides at them At 8 the Brig Rafael close under our
Lea when Comdr Moore or-
138. dered her Commander GJK Lathrop to follow his motions, At 8.10
manned the Strbd
139. Battery & exchanged broadsides with the Enemy's steamers their
shot passing over us, At
140. The Steamer wore and stood to the Sd to join the sail vessels. At
8.26 finding
141. Our shot did not reach Ceased firing. At 8.35 the Schnr Sisleana &
Independencia
142. With the gun boats commanded by Captain Boyland passed in Gave
them
143. Three Hearty Cheers which they returned, they then tacked and then
followed our Mo-
144. -tions the Independencia wearing at her Fore No. 5 of our Signals
A private

145. signal between the Two Squadrons. At 8.40 Beat the Retreat and Piped to Grog.

146. At 9.07 with the land breezes dying away came too with the Starbrd Anchor with

147. With springs on the chain 2 Fathoms Water 30 Fathoms Chain The City of Campeche

148. S by E Dist 7 miles Piped to Breakfast, At 9.30 nearly dead calm. Ships

149. Ships head S E the Enemy's Squadron on our Starbrd beam the Brig Wharton

150. On our Larbrd Beam the Yucatan vessels on our Larbrd Quarter

151. At 11.15 the Two Steamers approaching us, we Beat to Quarters, the Yucatan

152. Vessels commenced firing on the Enemy, the Enemy fired several shots

153. At them & us sprung the Ship with the Larbrd spring to bring our starbrd

154. To bear on the Enemy. At 11.27 a light breeze springing up from

155. So & Ws slipped the Anchor with 30 fathoms chain with a slip buoy on the chain

156. Filled away on the Starbrd tack & exchanged several broadsides with the Steamers

157. At 11.05 a sixty-eight pound shot from the Guadeloupe cut the Starbrd After Mizzen

158. Shroud about eight feet above the Deadeye (Commodore Moore holding the Shroud

159. shroud at the time) - passed between Commodore Moore & Lt. Gray's head & would have

160. killed both of them but that they inclined their bodies in opposite

161. directions passed through the Poop Deck into the Cabin & out the Stern

162. about two feet above the Transom Up to 11.40 continued firing at the Ene-

163. -my but finding that our shot did not reach them & they having the Weather

164. gage of them We kept off for Campeche the men being completely exhaus-

165. -ed having been at quarters and working the Ship with scarcely any cessation for Near

166. -ly 24 hours, but in high spirits. At 11.45 Capt J D Boyland sent a Pilot

167. on board, At 12.15 the Ships struck lightly but continued to go ahead a little

168. At 12.20 the Brig Wharton passed under our Lee when Commodore Moore ordered

169. Capt. Lathrop to steer for Campeche. At 12.30 finding the ship remained a-

170. -ground Made signal 146 to Brig Wharton At 12.40 the Ship floated when

171. we steered on our Course At 1 P.M. the Steamer fired several shots at

172. us which we returned but our shot did not reach them we

173. ceased firing, When the Enemy's Vessels hauled off & stood too the Sd & Wd

174. We running in & anchoring off Campeche ____ Loss of this Ship

175. None ____ Brig Warton - 2 men killed & 3 wounded. Slightly Enemy's Loss

176. The Capt. & 14 men Killed & 30 wounded aboard the Steamer Montezuma

177. The Guadeloupe had seven Men Killed some Wounded & were

178. Injured in their Hulls.

179.

180. P.M. Monday May 1st 1843

181. This day Pleasant. Crew making wads Enemy's Squad

182. -ron at Anchor bearing W.S.W. dist 5 miles,, Campeche bearing E. by S.

183. Dist 3 Miles Llormas bearing S Dist 4 Miles

184. From May 1st until May 16th nothing of Consequence on board

185. Occurred although several mornings during this time we

186. Made efforts to engage the Enemy we trying to get the weather

187. -gage of them but as soon as we back headed out Topsails the

188. Enemy ran off & tried to get us in a calm between the

189. Dying away of the Land breeze & the setting in of the sea breeze

190. When we stood in to our anchorage again. May 3rd we

191. Recd from Campeche Two Long Eighteen Pound Guns which we
192. Fitted on the carriages of No. 7 Guns & on the 7th of May stood
193. Out & had a skirmish with the Enemy to try Our Long Guns
194. The Campeche Gun Boats firing on the Town of Llormas
195. But we finding the wind dying away & not succeeding
196. In getting to the windward of the Enemy ran in again
197. Anchored. The officers, during this time also, went on shore sev
198. -eral times to visit the City of Campeche. - I found it
199. an entire changed place from what it was when I visited
200. Twelve Months previous. It was battered considerably from
201. The bombs thrown into it by the Enemy from the Emenencia
202. & the beautiful Village of St. Romano outside the walls to the
203. Wd entirely battered to ruins The People (what few were remain
204. -ing for out of 70,000 Inhabitantes which it contained when I was
here
205. before it only contained about 20 or 25,000 & looked almost de-
serted)
206. Seemed to be very glad to see us & we were told that when we
207. First appeared off the city about to make a treaty for
208. An Armistice, but no sooner than our Flag was run than one
209. Universal shout of joy was heard throughout the City &
210. The stipulations for the Treaty rejected by the Governor of Cam
211. -peche with scor & during our engagement the Tops of
212. House, walls, & all other places that could command a view
213. Was crowded with spectators including Men Women
214. & Children shouting and Huzzahing for us & evincing every de
215. -monstration of joy.
216. _____
217. The Second Action May 16th 1843
218. _____
219. At 4.30 A.M. Called all hands and Piped the Hammocks up At 4.45
220. Called all hands up Anchor. At 5.00 set the Top Sails. At 5.20
Made
221. Signal No. 20 to Yucatan Squadron. At 5.25 made Signal 406. At
5.30 weighed
222. Anchor and filled away. Head to Sd & Wd Wind SE and light
Wharton

223. in Company Yucatan Squadron getting underweigh - At 6 set the
Top
224. Gallant Sails At 6.12 Made signal No. 10 to Yucatan Squadron. At
225. 6.20 made signal No. 77. Beat to Quarters and cleared ship for Ac-
tion. Enemy
226. Squadron underway bearing W.S.W Dist 5 Miles. At 6.25 Enemy
stand-
227. ing off. Beat the retreat and piped to Breakfast. At 8 hoisted the
Texas Ensign
228. at the Peak & Broad Pennant at the Main. At 10 nearly calm. At
10.40
229. Enemies Squadron hoisted their colours Guadeloupe hoisted at the
same time
230. English Ensign at the Fore, the Montezuma the English at the Main
231. & Spanish at the Fore & stood towards us. - Beat to Quarters.
Hoisted the
232. English and American Ensign at the Fore & the Texas Ensign at the
Mizin
233. At 10.55 ships head S.W. on the starbd Tack Wharton about ½ mile
Astern
234. Yucatan Squadron close in shore, Enemy about 2 ½ miles off on our
Larb
235. Made signal No. 96 & fired Larbd Broadside, the Medium Twenty
Fours side
236. Reaching ceased firing with except the Long Eighteens; Wharton
commenced
237. firing at the same time. At 11.18 the second shot from the Long Gun
cut
238. away the Guadeloupe's Flag Staff which fell overboard with the
Ensign, when
239. the crews of both vessels gave Three Hearty Cheers - Guadeloupe
hoisted an-
240. other Ensign at the Main Gaff. At 11.37 a thirty two pound shot
from the Schnr
241. Eagle passed through the Larbd hammock settings struck the comb-
ing of the Steerage Hatch, rebounded, struck the
242. Deckand passed out the No. 7 Port wounding three men. Closing

upon the Enemy -

243. Commenced firing the Medium Guns. At 11.40 a shot from the Guade

244. -loupe cut away the Starbd Main Top Gallant Break Back Stay, After Shroud

245. Main Top Gallant Rigging, Starbd Main Royal Lift & Halyards & passed through

246. Main Top Gall't sail. At 11.43 a shot from the Guadeloupe cut the

247. Starbd Fore Top Gall't Steering Sail Yard in two the sail being in

248. Top. _____ (May 17th sea time), At 12.20 P.M. the sea breeze setting in but

249. Very light the Montezuma being on our Larbd Bow the Guadeloupe on

250. Our Larbd Quarter set the Fore Sail Put the Helm up. Squared the Yard

251. Manned both batteries & run directly between them trying to Bring

252. Them to close quarters giving them our Broadships as the guns bore, upon

253. The Schnr Eagle Tacked, Made all sail & stood to the Sd & did not come

254. Into the action again, - The Steamer finding we were bringing them

255. To close Quarters & the Wind being light Paddled off and took their position

256. On our Starbd Bow At 12.50 a sixty Eight lb shot from the Guadeloupe came

257. Through Starbrd Hammock nettings Over No. 7 Gun passed out Larbd side

258. Carrying away forward Port Stantion No. 9 Port & the Mizzen Channels forward

259. Of the Port with two Chain Plates. Up to 1.42 P.M. the firing continued on

260. both sides Enemies shot passing between our Masts & over out Poop At 1.42 a 68 lb

261. shot from the Guadeloupe cut away the main Brace Bumpkiss

262. & e. At 1.45 a shot from the Guadeloupe cut away the Fourth shroud of the

263. Starbd Main Rigging Starbd Trufs and Foot rope of the Main Top

Sail

264. At 2 a shell exploded overhead cutting the Main Royal Mast & several Ropes

265. At 2.10 a 42 lb shot from the Montezuma struck just forward of the No. 9 Gun

266. Starbd side passed through the Waterway & Deck into the Ward Room through No. 3 State Room , Pursers Store Room, Lodged in the Armory, wounding two men at

267. No. 9 Gun. Thos Norris returned to his Quarters as soon as

268. Soon as his wounds were dressed & in a few minutes his left arm was shot off, At

269. 2.24 a shot from the Guadeloupe passed through the Ensign at the

270. Peak. At 2.25 a 68 lb shot from the Guadeloupe struck the the edge of the

271. Coffe under No. 1 Gun breaking the Planking & rebounded causing a bad leak

272. Which was immediately plugged up. At 2.26 a shot from the Guadeloupe

273. Cut away the 3rd shroud of the Starbd Fore Rigging & Larbd Futtock Shroud At 2.36

274. A 68 lb shot from the Steamer Guadeloupe passed through Hammock nettings

275. Over No. 7 Gun Killing one man & wounding Lt. Wilber Midn

276. A.J. Bryant L. Hubbard Capt Clark & four Men. At 2.35

277. A 68 lb shot from the Guadeloupe struck the sill of No. 5 Port Starbd

278. Side passed through & carried away both axle trees and ripped up the deck

279. Three feet injured the Main Top Sail sheet Bitts & Main Fife Rail

280. And stopped on deck killing Capt of No. 5 Gun & wounding 4 men

281. At 2.37 a shot came through hammock nettings, over No; 6 Gun Starbd

282. Side Killing one Man & wounding four. At 2.40 a shot cut away

283. Starbd Main Top Gall'n't Backstay. At 2.42 a shot cut away second

284. Shroud of Starbrd Mizzen Rigging, Mizzen Top Gallant Halyards

285. & Larbd Main Brace. At 2.40 a 68 lb shot came through the stard Bul

286. works abaft No. 9 Gun above the Pin Rail wounding two Men &

passed
 287. out opposite Port. At 3 P.M. the breezes freshening all the weathering
 288. Main Top Gallant being cut away one Gun of Starbd
 289. Battery disabled, wore ship to engage the Enemy with the Larbrd
 290. Battery. The Guadeloupe ceased firing & still standing on the
 291. Starbd tack, being to leeward & not being able to bring the Enemy
 292. To close quarters Made Signal 81 & kept off for Campeche,
 293. Wharton in Company, Yucatan Squadron out of Gun Shot Dead to Lee-
 294. ward.
 295. Loss of this Ship, Fred n. Shepard, Wm Weat & Geo Barton
 296. Killed. Owen Timothy York, His Leg, Thomas Barnet & Thos Norris their Arms,
 297. & Lt Wilber & Midn Bryant & Thos Atkins Severely wounded & 17 men
 298. slightly wounded. The Brig Wharton had two men killed by the
 299. Cap't of the Gun's carelessness in not attending to the vent being
 300. Stopped properly.
 301. Enemies Loss (as ascertained from an Englishman
 302. who deserted from the Guadeloupe three days after the action) Forty Seven
 303. Killed Thirty two wounded so as to require amputation of
 304. their limbs & 64 men badly Wounded on board the
 305. Guadeloupe & the Cap't of the Montezuma Killed &
 306. 40 others Killed & wounded on board of her. - The Guadeloupe being completely Riddled by our shot
 307. & the Montezuma damaged considerably.
 308. At 5.30 came too with the Larbd Anchor in 30 Fathom chain
 309. In 2 ¼ fathoms water. Furlled all sail and Piped down. North
 310. Church at Campeche bore SE 1/2 E Dist 2 ½ miles Church at Llo-
 311. rmas bore Sn by S Dist 6 Miles Enemies Steamers W by S ½ S
 312. Dist 8 Miles. At 6 A.M. sent the Bodies of the killed on
 313. shore to be buried & eight of the wounded men on shore
 314. to the Hospital.
 315. From May 17th until May 31st 1843
 316. During this time we were busy in repairing ships damage
 317. Sustained in the last Action & in recruiting our Wounded Men
 318. And the ordinary duties of the Ship. On May 20th An Expedition Commanded by Lts. Gray & Lewis departed in Two of the Gun
 319. Boats to go to the Wind Ward to cut off some of the Enemies
 320. Transports but returned on the 22nd the Mexicans part of the
 321. crew being too Cowardly to proceed & on the 23rd The Same
 322. Party of our Officers & Men left in the Yucatan Schr. Independencia without any Mexicans on the Same Expedition
 323. to Windward and returned on the 27th bringing in the
 324. American Schr. Glide supposed to have stores for the Enemies
 325. Squadron on board let her discharge and go out. The same
 326. Officers and men left on a similar expedition the same day
 327. \$ returned on the 30th having ascertained at Sisal that
 328. the President of Texas Sam Houston had proclaimed us
 329. as being Outlaws. - Commanded to Paint and clean
 330. ship to return to Texas, it being at this time & under our
 331. circumstances of no use for us to make any further
 332. attempts to Capture the Enemies Vessels until the
 333. Pilot Boat returned from Texas.
 334.
 335. June 1843
 336. Off Campeche Painting ship and getting everything in order
 337. June 4th
 338. Capt. Cox arrived here in the Schr. Republic
 339. from Galveston bringing in papers from Texas but no dispatch
 340. The People appeared to be highly incensed against the
 341. President on account of his Proclamation branding us
 342. with the name of Pirates & had held meeting in
 343. Different places expressing their Contempt for the President & appreciation & Gratitude to Col James Morgan
 344. & Cmdre. Moore his Officers & Crew for the course they
 345. had pursued. We also received a copy of a Handsome
 346. Badge for each of the officers from the Ladies of Galves-
 347. ton. The following is the Preamble & Resolution Viz.
 348. At a Meeting of the Ladies of Galveston
 349. May 24th 1843 Mrs Levi Jones presiding & Mrs Franklin Sctry

353. the following Preamble & resolutions were offered by
354. Mrs Love & unanimously Adopted
355. As tho We feel that it
356. does not become us to meddle in any public
357. affairs Yielding to the "Lords of Creation" the right to Ap
358. -plaud or censure the Wisdom or folly of political Man
359. -agement, we yet claim it is our judicial prerogative
360. to bestow thanks and applause on the Gallant &
361. Brave and upon an occasion like the present can-
362. -not withhold the expressions of our Gratitude from them
363. Who have protected our homes from the incursions of a
364. Cruel and barbarous enemy & relieved us from the fears
365. & anxieties by which we were constantly hazarded
366. during the Absence & inactivity of our gallant little Navy
367. We have felt deepest Solicitude for our homes &
368. Children From that we have been most happily relieved
369. By the late well timed movement of Commodore Moore
370. & our esteemed Citizen Col Morgan, the Bravery &
371. Gallantry of the Commodore, his Officers & Crew &
372. The Wise & Prompt Action of Col Morgan in Sanctioning
373. The Raiding of the sailing of the fleet to the Coast of Yucatan de-
serves
374. & has our deepest & most lasting gratitude
375. Therefore Resolved
376. That we tender
377. the Cordial expressions of our Gratitude to Commodore
378. his officers & men for their efforts on behalf of their Country
379. at a most critical period of it's affairs
380. Resolved
381. That we tender a like expression
382. of feeling to Col James Morgan Who so Nobly and Patriot
383. -ically risked his Reputation & Life in his Country's
384. Cause
385. Resolved
386. That we will furnish at the
387. earliest opportunity a Badge for Comdre Moore &
388. each of his officers which we will request them to Ac-

389. -cept as an evidence of our Gratitude and high esteem
390. for their Valor & Patriotism
391. Resolved
392. That the Secty send a copy
393. of the Resolutions to Comdre Moore, Capt Lathrop &
394. Col Morgan
395. L B Jones President
396. E C Franklin Secty
397. June 9th
398. Until this day & during this day pleasant weather
399. Lt Chas S Arianibal was transfer from the Brig Wharton
400. To the Ship. Several of our Wounded men returned from
401. The Hospital
402.
403. June 16th 1843
404. Recvd on board 60 kegs Powder from the Schr Charlotte
405. from New Orleans
406.
407. June 26th 1843
408. This day commenced pleasant & continued
409. to until ^ P.M. when it commenced raining heavily Thunder
410. -ing & Lightning Sharply. Set the crew catching water from the
411. Awnings. At 7,30 the ship was struck by Lightning carrying
412. Away the Fore Royal Mast injured the Fore Top Mast badly &
413. Passed down through the bunt of the F.T.Sail & splitting
414. For Spencer and Knocking down three men on deck & e
415. Caught Twenty Five Hundred Galls Water. At 9 P.M. it clear
416. Up & the balance of the 24 hours was pleasant weather
417. At 10 P.M. the American Consul & Family with some of the Ladies
418. & Gentlemen visited the ship.
419.
420. June 27th
421. Clear and pleasant weather. At daylight
422. A.M. the Enemies Squadron had left their Anchorage
423. & out of sight. Got on board our Wounded from the
424. Hospital
425.

426. June 28th
427. Recd on board on this day a Topmast which
428. was fitted & sent aloft in place of the one damaged
429. by Lightning Sent aloft the stump T.G.Mast & set up
430. the Rigging & Crossed the T Sail & T.G.Yards
431.
432. June 29th
433. At 5.30 A.M. Got underweigh & stood for Sisal
434. at which place we arrived on the 1st of July. Stood off
435. and on until:
436. July 2nd at 3 P.M. when we ran in anchored in
437. 3 ½ Fathoms water. Sisal bearing SE 1/2 S Ab. Jas W.
438. Moore left for Merida on business for the Commodore
439. That we tender
440. the Cordial expressions of Gratitude to the Commodore
441.
442. July 7th 1843
443. At 6 A.M. a signal was made on shore to let
444. us know of the return of Ab. Moore. Sent a boat for him. At
445. 8,40 he came on board and at 9 A.M. all hands were called
446. to "Up Anchor" for home. At 9,30 all sail set and the
447. ship going along finely. Brig Wharton in Company.
448.
449. July 9th
450. At 5,30 A.M. made the Alacranes to Wind
451. -ward. Beating up to the Island
452.
453. July 10th
454. At 1 P.M. Lt. Gray left the ship with the
455. 1st & 2nd Cutters for the Island to procure Turtle At 4
456. Lt Gray returned with Thirty Five Turtle sent Eight to th
457. Brig Wharton. At 5,30 Secured the Boats & filled and
458. Made all sail.
459.
460. July 14th 1843
461. At 11 P.M. shortened sail ready for com
462. -ing too. At 12,30 A.M. Called all Hands to bring

463. Ship to an Anchor, At 1,30 Came too with the Starbd
464. Anchor in 6 ½ F.Water 30 F.Chain . At Daylight Gal
465. -veston City In sight W by S ½ S Dist 6 Miles. At 9 A.
466. M. got underway & stood up to the Bar Got on
467. Board a Pilot and Stood in over the Bar.
468.
469. July 15th /43
470. At 1,30 P.M. Came too on Anchor of the Menard
471. Wharf in 4 ½ Fathoms Water with our Starbd An
472. Chor and 30 F.Chain, At 2 fired a Salute of 21 Guns
473. In Answer for a Salute fired for us on Shore.
474. Cmdre Moore went on shore & was recd & escorted through
475. The City by the Military Companies of Galveston
476.
477. July 16th 1843
478. This 24 hours pleasant weather as usual. At 4 Oc'k
479. P.M. the body of M J P Lansing who died on board the Brig Whar-
480. ton
481. of Congestive Fever whilst laying off Campeche, was taken on
482. shore
483. and buried with Military Honors.
484.
485. July 26th 1843
486. Pleasant weather. Commodore Moore, Capt Lathrop
487. and Lt C B Snow were dis honorably dismissed from the Navy by
488. Sam Houston without being tried by a Court-Martial . At 4
489. Comdre Erwin W Moore gave up the Command of the Squadron to
490. Lt A G Gray & Capt J T K Lathrop gave up the Command of the
491. Brig Wharton to Lt A.J. Lewis. Saluted Commodore Moore with
492. Thirteen Guns and gave him three Cheers when he left the ship a
493. mark of respect felt for him by his officers, The Brig Whar
494. -ton Saluted Capt Lathrop with Eight Guns and gave him
495. Three Cheers as he left the Brig.
496.
497. July 27th 1843
498. These 24 hours fine weather. All the
499. officers in the Service excepting Lt. Tennison & Sailing

