

Passage To The Sandwich Islands

I remained in the Town of San Francisco until the twenty ninth of Dec 1844. When I sailed for Honolulu in the Brig Canonius of Boston Capt. Lyons, and arrived on the 18 of Jan 1850 We had twenty five passengers. The passage the first week out, was unfavorable owing to head winds, so that we made only about three hundred miles. But after we took the East Trade, which we did in 34 or 35. We had a fine run. The distance about twenty five hundred miles the ship lay to 36 hours in the time in a gale of Wind. It is considered and average passage. The object I had in leaving San Francisco at this time, was the Horrid State of the weather and Peace, and the fear of my health. If I had known in Oct, how bad things was to be, I should certainly have left sooner. I had a continual cold and cough for two months before I left owing to damp feet, and the wet weather, all the time I left the people were chiding off like sheep as the saying is, and hundreds of people had no Employment, and could not get any even for their board. The reason for all this, was the rains. The bad state of the sheets, which but a job to business is a great nuisance. Also a large population from the State and the others could do nothing to do. The rainy season set in earlier than would the Old Pacific's say, It began the first of Nov, also quite a large fire took place on the morning of the 24 of Dec. The day before Christmas. and it burnt out a space of the most valuable part of the town, there were two engines on the occasion which did good service. But the most affectual thing, was blowing up the Building with powder. often would not work without being laid. This fire made a good many poor. In this is no such thing as insurance in this yet, every man on his own hook,

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I will now endeavor to give a sketch of things in Honolulu the Capital of the Island of Oahu. It is a place I always had a desire to see. But never expected to see. But now I am on the spot, and a delightful one it is compared with California. The Climate is mild and warm, and the appearance of the place beautiful. and while the snow is blowing, and the English Bells jingling in the open England States. I am in the midst of a perfect Summer. Enjoying all the Luxuries that can be imagined they have here at this time. Lettice, Cucumbers, Beans, Green Corn, Water Melons, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Coconuts, Milk, Eggs, Pastry, Fish, &c &c. The articles here principally are Oahu made from Java, together with Fish Sugar Cane, and Coconuts. But still Bread and Meats is high owing to California, and California Emigrants who have visited the Island this summer. Bread & Sausages at Hotels 10 Dollars per week, Milk 12 1/2 cents a Bottle. Onions 8 dollars a Hamper about a Barrel Irish Potatoes 2 Dollars a Barrel, Flour 25 and 30 Dollars a Barrel. Cheese 50 cents Sugar 25 Molasses 100 Beef 12 1/2 Pork 25. This is a fine Climate for a Farmer. He can raise two Crops a year. But the Honolulu can't do it. But there will soon be a different state of things here. This and all the other Islands is under Missionary Rule. and a little time more so. There is a good deal of salt Lining here at this time they must look out for California, the Town lies mostly in a level, at the foot of a Chain of Mountains the Streets run parallel and are full of Drubbing or Bull Sills. There is also a beautiful Valley between the Mountains with quite a stream running through it. also three water falls where there is fine bathing. The riding about this place is delightful, and that is the great Sport of the Island, among Foreigners and Natives. Substantially the great day for riding. Horse Back is the custom, Women and all. The Natives as a general thing are very indolent and lazy you can hire one for a ride or two a day, to do most any thing, they have other Amusement, such