hand on our beam, and we got our fore and aft sails set about this time. A sail was reported on our Port Bow. She was at schooner but might coming on we did not hale her. Friday April 1st. 1844.

This morning cloudy and ebb tide, we took the wind on our beam, carrying our fore and aft sails until about 8 O'clock when the wind held ahead and we were obliged to take in sail at daylight; there was two sails in sight, but by 2 O'clock we counted 22. land was reported earlier this morning. After dinner they hoisted deck and scraped spars and other put things in order. At 6 O'clock we made the highland light and shifted several times to late soundings. Late this evening, set all our fore and aft sails, which helped us along a great deal. We took aboard a pilot at 7 O'clock, and bore down for the Bar.

Saturday April 2nd.

We anchored of the Bar about 1 O'clock last night, but got under way this day. 3 O'clock we took aboard another Pilot, this morning, and crossed the bay by 6 O'clock. By 7 O'clock we passed through the Narrows and anchored of Wall Street ferry at half past eight. To-day while trying to moor ship, we lost one of our anchors and sixty fathoms of chain. Two of our Surgeons, Messrs. Hoff and Tharington, are ordered to return to the Naval Academy, and two other Messrs. Chew, ordered to the South Atlantic Squadron and Blake, to the North Atlantic Squadron.


Sunday April the 3rd.

At being so stormy yesterday, we could not move
April 1st.
A very fine day, we unbund all of our sails and hoisted them. The Turkish Admiral and his Fleet Captain and Flag Lieutenant came on board to take a look at the ship. We were prepared to give them a salute, but did not on account of the absence of tomorrow. Leather, in the afternoon some of our Officers went on board of the Turkish Flag Ship to a party.

April 2nd.
A very fine day, we took in charts from the supply boat. Received a letter from H.M.S. went ashore in the evening.

April 3rd.
I returned on board to day we hoisted and had a general cleaning. The men time is fast expiring and every day there is some leaving with a general exclamation that they will never enter the ship again. Would that I was in their stead. In the evening it changed quite cool, quite a gale.
Sunday April 16th

Quite cool, windy and Rainy. in all a very disagreeable day. we had service at 11 oclock. wrote a letter to C.W.B., to Mother and one to J.F.

Monday April 17th

Cold and Rainy. To day workmen came on board and commenced to make such repairs as are needed in the after noon. I went on shore and went up to Union Square visited the Office of the Angels.

Tuesday April 18th

I returned on board this morning. Received a letter from A.B.H. quite unwell. we commenced to transport Guns from A.B. to A.H.

Wednesday April 19th

This morning, cold and got sleeting late in the evening. it changed to snow. In the Rain. very disagreeable. Received a letter from C.W.B. and one from J.F.

Thursday April 20th

A very fine day. wrote to M.B.S., C.B. and J.B. and C.W.B. went ashore in the afternoon. visited

A.B.H. returned on board at 6

Friday April 21st

A beautiful day. Spring commences to put forth in the beautiful dress of green. A coal Barge came along side. and we commence to load ship in the after noon. another Barge came along side and we could from both sides. in the evening I went ashore and visited Mrs. F.

Saturday April 22nd

I returned aboard this morning. Coaling Ship. this morning we heard of A dreadful accident that occurred in the lower Bay yesterday evening the the new Boiler. On the "Senango." while proceeding down the Bay exploded, her Boiler. Inquiring the Ship badly and shedding all of her Engineers and Firemen. about thirty six in all. they were brought up to the Hospital. Where about twenty died to day. we also heard of the capture of Fort Pillow. by the Rebels and the massacre of all the troops, both White and Colored. Still the governmet do not Retailate.

Sunday, April 17th

Quite a fine day. but we cannot enjoy the day.
Monday, April 17th
To day Riggs came on board and commenced to set on our Rigging, tacking in Coal. fine day, went on shore in afternoon.

Tuesday April 18th
Returned on board this morning. Still coaling this evening the Double Inserted Monitor "Onondaga", went to sea under the convoy of the Jug Boat, Rose, and Gun Boat, Mattabassett

Wednesday April 19th
Still coaling heard of they intend making us a receiving Ship.

Thursday, April 20th
Coaling still. Received a letter from George Price, quite well finished coaling late in the evening.

Friday April 21st
We got Sagamore Inland coat and yards ready to send up. Holy Stormed decks, the Italian Monitor came on board, on his departure he was saluted with eleven guns.

Saturday, April 22nd
Very fine day went ashore in afternoon visited the Office of the Angle. Also heard of the Rebel Flotilla, descended the Schuylkill, and destroyed the Union Gun Boats, Bombshell and Southfield, and disabled the Wissahickon. I relieved on board at night.

Sunday April 23rd
To day a very fine day we had service at ten O'clock yesterday. A Summary Court Martial convened to try Michael Simmone for desertion, and another Man for wrote a letter to G.F. W. and one by W.T.

Monday April 24th
To day Raining but winded, in the afternoon, we received No. Seamans 6 Ordinary. Seamans and 5 Hands. which is quite an addition to our crew.

Tuesday April 25th
Still raining heard of the Capture of Plymouth by the Rebels, and a report of the Massacre of
Wednesday April 27th
I returned on board this morning Rigging from the yard. Came on board and sent up Legallant Rigging. Went ashore in afternoon. Remain all night.

Thursday April 28th
The land down Rigging and also seized on matter paint ship. All hand were mustered to hear the sentence of the Court Martial in the case of Nichol Simmons for desertion. Loss of three months pay. 15 day close confinement on bread and water for stealing a shirt. 10 day close confinement. Loss of one month pay.

Friday April 29th

Saturday April 30th
A very fine day. Quarters and inspection. At 10 Block service at 11/2 o'clock on above.

Sunday May 1st
I returned on board this morning. A very fine day this being the Birthday day of the Sunshan Emperor we hoisted the Sunshan flag at our fore and astern fired a salute of thirty one (31) guns in honor of the occasion. All the Sunshan ships were gaily decked out with flags and wasted a great quantity of powder.

Tuesday May 2nd
This morning raining and quite cold for this season. Heard of the evacuation of Washington. J. M.