OFFICIAL LOG BOOK

FOR EITHER FOREIGN GOING OR HOME TRADE SHIP

(COSTA RICA PACKET - 31 AUGUST 1870 - 24 AUGUST 1871)

(O) No.2

Name of Ship – COSTA RICA PACKET Official number – 29847 Port of registry – Guernsey Registered tonnage – 531 Name of master – R H Pope. James Cory No. of his certificate – 6391. 88330

Date of commencement of voyage – 31st August 1870 Nature of the voyage or employment – London to west coast of America and back to London. Delivered to the Shipping Master of the Port of – London the 24th day of August 1871 Signed. Wm. Powell. Deputy Shipping Master

Note: The above entries are to be filled up by the Master, and the Log Book is to be delivered to the Shipping Master within forty-eight hours after the Ship's arrival, or upon the discharge of the Crew, whichever first happens, in the case of a 'Foreign-going Ship', and within twenty-one days after the 30th of June and the 31st of December respectively in every year in the case of a 'Home Trade Ship'.

LIST OF CREW AND REPORT OF CHARACTER

Christian name and surname at length of each	Report of character	For ability	If there is any entry in the Log relating in any way to the crew the page or pages in the log where the entry
member of crew, and	for general	seamanship	is to be found should be written in this column
capacity in which	conduct	•	opposite the man's name.
engaged			
James Cory mate			[this name crossed out]
James W Piprell 2 nd mate	VG	VG	
Joseph Le Maitre carpenter	VG	VG	
Peter Tourtel steward	VG	VG	
Joseph Renouf cook	VG	VG	
William Barnes AB	VG	VG	
William Baily AB	G	VG	
Peter Saunders AB	G	VG	
Joseph Allen AB	Yes	VG	Pages 13,14,15
Alfred Stonebridge AB	Yes	Yes	Page 21
Auguste Briere OS	Decline	Decline	
John Perrett OS	VG	G	
William Baker OS	VG	G	
Thomas Le Messurier OS	VG	G	
Edward Radden Boy	VG	G	
Augustus Tupper	VG	VG	Apprentice
Simon	VG	VG	Apprentice
William F Brehaut mate	VG	VG	

James Cory.

Date of the Occurrence entered, with day and hour	Place of the occurrence, or situation by Latitude and Longitude at sea	Entries required by Act of Parliament	Amount of any fine or forfeiture inflicted
September 15 th 1870	Off Ryde	Capt. Robert Kite Pope of ship Costa Rica Packet complained of severe pains and numbness of hands and feet, was took on shore at Ryde, Isle of Wight, to consult a medical man, which prescribed for said Capt. R H Pope but on the evening of same day felt worse, and left the ship in charge of the Chief Mate and proceeded to London to consult owners Messrs. Wm Le Lacheur & Son, and his own medical professor which pronounced him unfit for duty, when Mr Le Lacheur and said Capt. Pope proceeded to Portsmouth and on 15 th of September 1870 James Cory late Chief Mate of said ship Costa Rica Packet was promoted to master of said ship Costa Rica Packet and whose name was fully and legally endorsed on said ship register in presence of Mr Le Lacheur owner of said ship Costa Rica Packet in place of said R H Pope and William F Brehaut was engaged to serve as Chief Mate of said ship Costa Rica Packet and which engagement was legally and lawfully witnessed in Custom House at Portsmouth on the 15 th day of September 1870. James Cory Master	
January 16 th 1871 4 p.m.	Panama Roads	W F Brehaut. August Briere I hereby charge you with committing an assault on Mr Brehaut's person, under the following circumstances, while the crew was engaged discharging cargo out of after hold, Mr Brehaut ordered two casks of bottle ale {?} to be slung at once four hands employed at the winch namely Joseph Allen AB, Alfred Stonebridge AB, August Briere OS Augustus Tupper appr. who pretended not to be able to heave two at once, when Mr Brehaut ordered them to be lowered again in the hold to sling one, when Wm Barnes replied the slings were too long and Mr Piperell also replied the slings was too long, when August Briere made the reply you son of a bitch if you have anything to say speak that I may hear you. When Mr Brehaut replied I am not speaking to you Briere, when Briere replied again if you were worth a clout I would give you one at my own expense when Mr Brehaut said he had better not try, when August Briere rushed on Mr Brehaut and dealt him a blow on the head and knocked him down on the gun, starboard side of the main deck, and would have committed greater violence on Mr Brehaut only the other members of crew	

		interfered, and prevented August Briere
		from going in the cabin, where he swore he
		would go and smash him Mr Brehaut, after
		which very abusive and offensive language
		was used to Mr Brehaut and when August
		Briere repeatedly refused to go forward
		when ordered by the Master
		I further charge you with drunken and
		disorderly conduct on the 14 th day of
		January 1870.
		James Cory Master
		William F Brehaut 1 st mate.
		William I Brenaut I mate.
		August Briere denies calling Mr Brehaut
		son of a bitch.
		Signed. James Cory Master
		William F Brehaut Chief Officer.
		Thereby and first had the terminal of the term
		I hereby certify that the above statement has
		been read over to the offender August
		Briere.
		Signed. James Cory Master
The second second		William F Brehaut Chief Officer
February 23 rd 1871	Coriento	Joseph Allen I hereby charge you with
6.50 p.m.		being combined with the within named
		August Briere in disobeying orders,
		destroying discipline and embezzellment of
		cargo as follows.
		February 23th at 6.50 p.m. a boat belonging
		to the American barque Zypher came
		alongside, when I asked what she wanted
		one man answered he wanted to see some
		lads when I ordered her off, and the boat
		left the ship, and when the boat got about
		fifty yards from the ship was hailed by
		some one board to come back which she
		did, when I walked forward to know who
		hailed the boat as I had sent her off, when I
		met Joseph Allen in the gangway asking
		why she could not come on board to see
		them, as I had visitors on board, and I also
		went on shore, but I was making convicts of
		them, I answered I would not allow anyone
		on board that evening, my principal reason
		for not coming was, Wm Baily AB was
		then laying in the forecastle with a deep cut
		in his forehead which happened same day
		with a piece of wood, and Peter Saunders
		AB was also laid up with violent pains in
		head caused by a fit taken on the 8 th instant
		and had not done duty since that date and
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		and had not done duty since that date and not able to do it now, and also visitors had been on board on the evenings of 20 th and 22 nd making great noise and annoyance by singing songs and other disagreeable conduct. But not withstanding my refusing the men leave to come on board they same at 7 p.m.
		and had not done duty since that date and not able to do it now, and also visitors had been on board on the evenings of 20 th and 22 nd making great noise and annoyance by singing songs and other disagreeable conduct. But not withstanding my refusing the men leave to come on board they same at 7 p.m. and remained on board until 9.30 p.m. when
		and had not done duty since that date and not able to do it now, and also visitors had been on board on the evenings of 20 th and 22 nd making great noise and annoyance by singing songs and other disagreeable conduct. But not withstanding my refusing the men leave to come on board they same at 7 p.m. and remained on board until 9.30 p.m. when they left in a drunken state and scarcely able
		and had not done duty since that date and not able to do it now, and also visitors had been on board on the evenings of 20 th and 22 nd making great noise and annoyance by singing songs and other disagreeable conduct. But not withstanding my refusing the men leave to come on board they same at 7 p.m. and remained on board until 9.30 p.m. when they left in a drunken state and scarcely able to full the boat, at 10.120 p.m. they got on
		and had not done duty since that date and not able to do it now, and also visitors had been on board on the evenings of 20 th and 22 nd making great noise and annoyance by singing songs and other disagreeable conduct. But not withstanding my refusing the men leave to come on board they same at 7 p.m. and remained on board until 9.30 p.m. when they left in a drunken state and scarcely able

		at 10.25 p.m. while I was standing in the	
		cabin companion listening to the crew of	
		Zypher I distinctly heard a piece of glass	
		break on board this ship, as an empty bottle	
		would make in breaking by being thrown	
		over board, for which I charge you with	
		being an accomplice to some person in	
		embezzelling the cargo to get spirits, from	
		which the above row took place, as I have	
		strong reason for suspecting you, as the ship	
		was charged ten dollars at San Juan del Sur	
		for two empty cases delivered 5 dollars of	
		which will charged to your account.	
		Signed. James Cory Master	
		William F Brehaut Chief Officer	
		William P Brenaut Chief Officer	
		I hambar and G. 4h. abana at tananat har	
		I hereby certify the above statement has	
		been read over to the offender and that he	
		denies inviting men on board, or being	
		called convicts.	
		Signed. James Cory Master	
		William F Brehaut Chief Officer	
February 23 rd 1871	Coriento	August Briere I hereby charge you with	
6.50 p.m.		being combined with Joseph Allen in	
		disobeying orders, destroying discipline and	
		embezzlement of cargo as follows.	
		February 23 rd at 6.50 p.m. a boat belonging	
		to the American barque Zephyr came	
		alongside, when I asked what they wanted	
		one man answered he wanted to see some of	
		the lads, when I ordered the boat off, and	
		the boat left, and when she got about fifty	
		yards was hailed by some one from	
		forward, to come back which they did, I	
		walked forward to know who hailed the	
		boat when August Briere was standing on	
		the rail rope in hand to throw in the boat,	
		which was then alongside, I again ordered	
		the men not to come on board, when Briere	
		again asked them to come up and not mind	
		that grisly headed old humbug [meaning the	
		Master I told the men not to come, when	
		Briere said to me you have too quiet a crew,	
		you makes convicts of us, we work hard,	
		and live hard, and not go ashore, you have visitors aft, and we will have visitors	
		forward, and again invited the men up, I	
		again denied the men and went aft.	
		However the men came on board at 7 p.m.	
		and remained until 9.30 when they left in a	
		drunken state, as reported in a previous	
		entry. At 8 p.m. I ordered a watch to be	
		kept on hearing the news some one struck	
		the ship bell about thirty strokes very	
		violently which alarmed the inhabitants of	
		the place, to annoy me, at 10.45 I sent J B	
		Symons forward to see who had the watch	
		and send them below when he told me	
		Briere had the watch, from 10 o'clock till	
		11.30. I heard a noise about deck several	
		times which made me suspect something	
		was going wrong at 11 30 I called the both	
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		mates, carpenter, steward and the eldest	
		apprentice and took a light and a dagger as a	
		weapon of defence and walked forward	
		when we got to the gangway Briere was	
		standing by the bulwarks starboard side I	
		told him to go and turn in, he said I had	
		ordered a watch to be kept and was keeping	
		it. I again told him to go and turn in like a	
		good man, we got as far as the cook house	
		then I told him he was not fit to keep watch,	
		when he threw off his coat, took me by my	
		left shoulder looking wildly in my face	
		asking why he was not fit to keep watch and	
		what business I had forward, and not sent	
		the Mates, I told him I suspected injury both	
		to life and property and I had a weapon of	
		defence in case of an assault, as I	
		anticipated he got exasperated and went to	
		search for some weapon. I went in the	
		cabin for shelter from him he came aft and	
		fetch a blow on the deck with some weapon	
		making a dent in the deck inch deep and	
		inch wide and two inches long, he used very	
		abusive language challenged to fight all aft,	
		he wished to know why I had not	
		discharged him at Panama, I told him the	
		assault was not on me personally then but	
		now I am prepared to swear that I am afraid	
		you will do me some bodily harm and you	
		will be put under restraint and if the law	
		will allow you to be discharged I shall	
		discharge you, if not you will be kept in	
		confinement until the ship got to Punta	
		Arenas where you will have the benefit of	
		consulting Mr Le Lacheur owner of said	
		ship.	
February 24 th		At daylight the following property was	
		found missing, three top gallant studding	
		sail boom, two topmast studding yards on	
		battin 20 feet by 3 inches square, two	
		awning stanchions, burtons fall cut and	
		thirteen inch block patent sheaf thrown	
		overboard several lashings cut destroyed,	
		and thirty lbs. beef thrown overboard, all of	
		which will be charged to your account.	
		Signed James Cory Master	
		William F Brehaut Chief Officer.	
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		I haraby cartify that the above statement has	
		I hereby certify that the above statement has	
		been read to the offender and he denies	
		laying his hand on me.	
		Signed James Cory Master	
		William F Brehaut Chief Officer	
February 25 th 1871.	Coriento	I hereby certify that the within named	
		August Briere was discharged from the	
		Costa Rica Packet on this day, with consent	
		and in presence of Commandant of said port	
		and Consignee of cargo, and the sum of	
		£2.11s. was charged as a compensation to	
		the owner for said goods destroyed, which	
		he duly acknowledged.	
		Signed. James Cory. Master.	
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[a report on a separate piece of paper]

Coriento. February 24th 1871.

Alfred Stonebridge.

I hereby charge you with embezzlement of cargo, to a great extent, as the following goods was found in your berth, that being a space dedicated to your own private use, and consequently you are held responsible for all it contains. Referring to former entries in the Official Log Book I found it absolutely necessary to call the assistance of the authorities of the above named place, to maintain order, and discipline, and to protect life and property from further destruction, and while the police were on board for the purpose of conveying the within named August Briere to a place of confinement for the charges laid against him, I ordered a general search to be made through the forecastle, when the following goods where found in your possession, namely, one bottle of mixed pickles, one bottle of onions two bottles of picallily, one full bottle of Tennetts ale and twenty capsules of Tennetts ale bottles, all of which I charge you with, and six packages of candles was also found in ship sail locker in the Forecastle which I charge you to be an accomplice to some member or members of crew in taking from cargo, for which you will be put in a place of confinement as a precaution until August Briere is discharged from said ship, and the expenses of same will be charged to your account. And I further charge you with being unable to do duty this day, complaining of being ill but it being the effects of drinking last evening for which I administered a medic powder which soon after had and produced the desired effect.

Signed. James Cory Master.