

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 member of crew, and capacity in which engaged	Report of character for general conduct	For ability in seamanship	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 is to be found should be written in this column opposite the man's name.
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.

OFFICIAL LOG OF THE FROM TOWARDS

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	<p>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 15th 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 15th day of September 1870. James Cory Master W F Brehaut.</p>	
January 16 th 1871 4 p.m.	Panama Roads	<p>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</p>	

		<p>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 14th day of January 1870. James Cory Master William F Brehaut 1st mate.</p> <p>August Briere denies calling Mr Brehaut son of a bitch. Signed. James Cory Master William F Brehaut Chief Officer.</p> <p>I hereby certify that the above statement has been read over to the offender August Briere. Signed. James Cory Master William F Brehaut Chief Officer</p>	
<p>February 23rd 1871 6.50 p.m.</p>	<p>Coriento</p>	<p>Joseph Allen I hereby charge you with being combined with the within named August Briere in disobeying orders, destroying discipline and embezzlement of cargo as follows. February 23th at 6.50 p.m. a boat belonging to the American barque <i>Zypher</i> 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 8th instant 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 20th and 22nd 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 board their ship when a row took place and</p>	

		<p>at 10.25 p.m. while I was standing in the cabin companion listening to the crew of <i>Zypher</i> 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</p> <p>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</p>	
<p>February 23rd 1871 6.50 p.m.</p>	<p>Coriento</p>	<p>August Briere I hereby charge you with being combined with Joseph Allen in disobeying orders, destroying discipline and embezzlement of cargo as follows. February 23rd at 6.50 p.m. a boat belonging to the American barque <i>Zephyr</i> 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</p>	

		<p>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.</p>	
February 24 th		<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	
February 25 th 1871.	Coriento	<p>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.</p>	

[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 forecandle, when the following goods were 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 Forecandle 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.