

OFFICIAL LOG BOOK

FOR EITHER FOREIGN GOING OR HOME TRADE SHIP

(COSTA RICA - 25 AUGUST 1854 – 15 MAY 1855)

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Name of ship – COSTA RICA
 No. and Date of Registry –18/1850
 Port of Registry - Guernsey
 Burden – 299
 Name of Master – James Le Messurier
 No. of his certificate – 435,22
 Date of commencement of the Voyage – 25 August 1854
 Nature of the Voyage – New York & Punta Arenas

Delivered to the Shipping Master of the Port of London the 25 August 1855.
 Signed. E Nieree. Shipping Master

There then follows two pages of Directions, - 'the following are the Sections in the Mercantile Marine Act 1850 relating to Official Log Books'.

INDEX TO THE ENTRIES RELATING TO THE CREW, AND REPORT OF CHARACTER

List of Crew	Offences	Punishments	Illnesses	Injuries	Diseases	Death	Ceasing to be a member of crew	Ability in seaman ship	Conduct	Declines to give opinion
Michael Mahy								VG	VG	
Henry S Domaille			9 & 11							Yes
Thomas Hele			10 & 11					VG	M	
Henry Pasquire			8 & 9				13			
Thomas Le Page						8	8			
Henry Falla								VG	M	
John Falla	p.13							VG	M	
William Le Ray			9,10,11					VG	G	
Thomas A Robin			9 & 10					G	G	
Peter Gautier			11 & 12					G		Yes
Richard Hele			11 & 12					M	M	
John Langlois Rose			11 & 12					G	G	
Philip L M Nicolle								G	G	
George H Luxon	12 & 13		12 & 13					G		Yes

Henderk Schmidt was shipped in John Rodgers stead having failed to join the ship								M	M	
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OFFICIAL LOG OF THE Costa Rica FROM London TOWARDS New York

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
26 August 1854	London	John Falla seaman joined the ship. Michael Mahy. Mate
28 Aug. 2 p.m.	London	Henry Falla only commenced work on board Aug 28 th 1854. 2 p.m. Michael Mahy. Mate.
Nautical Time 31 August 1854 at 4.30 a.m.	London river off the Girdle Light Ship and sailing for the Downs	Thomas Le Page Cook very ill with purging and vomiting gave him Cholera mixture and applied hot water to his stomach and extremities.
Nautical time Sept. 1 st 1854 Friday 5.30 p.m.	Off Deal, Off Dover	At noon Mr Leeson Admiralty Surgeon came off to visit him, found him in a state of collapse. At 5.30 p.m. the said Thos. Le Page expired in presence of Thos. Hele carpenter & Thos A Robin seaman. 7.30 p.m. committed his remains to the deep in presence of all the Crew, the Master reading the funeral service. Michael Mahy. Mate Thomas Hele. Carpenter Thomas A Robin. Seaman Jas. Le Messurier. Master of 'Costa Rica'
3 rd September at midnight	English Channel	H Pasquire taken with cholera
3 rd September at 8 a.m.	English Channel	H P Domaille taken with the cholera. Gave cholera mixture and applied mustard plasters
At noon	Ditto	Henry Pasquire better, HP Domaille worse
4 th September at midnight	Ditto	Wm. Le Ray seaman taken with cholera, & Thos. Robin seaman with symptoms of same, gave them emetics. H Domaille the same as yesterday purging and vomiting, at 8 a.m. hauled up for Scilly to have medical advice
5 th September at 2 p.m.	St Mary's Road Scilly	At 3 p.m. Mr Moyes surgeon came on board found H Domaille & Wm Le Ray in great danger from cholera, Thos Robin getting better, prescribed for the two first. H Pasquire taken with another attack of cholera
5 th September at 7 a.m.	Ditto	10 a.m. Doctor came on board to visit sick men
6 th September 1854. 10 a.m.	St Mary's, Scilly	At 10 a.m. Doctor came on board to visit sick men. Thos Robin and his duty carpenter taken sick with a severe cold and fever
7 th ditto. 11 a.m.	St Mary's, Scilly	At 11 a.m. Doctor came on board to visit sick men. Carpenter somewhat better. Doctor could not advise Master to put to sea.
8 th ditto. 11.30 a.m.	St Mary's Road, Scilly	Doctor came off to visit sick men. Found H Domaille & Wm. Le Ray rather better. H Pasquire no better, thought Master could proceed to sea.
9 th ditto	Lat.49.51 N Long. 9.25 W	H Domaille, Wm Le Ray & H Pasquire the same as days past.
10 th ditto	Lat 48.51 N Long. 13.52 W	H Domaille, Wm. Le Ray & H Pasquire the same as days past.
11 th September 1854	Lat.48.58 N Long.19.44 W	H Domaille & H Pasquire no better, Wm. Le Ray getting better. Peter Gautier sick pain in the chest.
12 th September 1854	Lat.48.31 N Long. 19.50 W	H Domaille & H Pasquire the same as days past, Wm. Le Ray at his duty & Peter Gautier also.

13 th September 1854	Lat. 48.34 N Long. 20.25 W	H Domaille & H Pasquire the same, Robt. Hele taken with a bad hand.
14 th September 1854	Lat. 47.40 N Long. 20.45 W	Sick men the same
15 th September 1854	Lat. 47.31 N Long. 22.21	Sick men the same
20 th September 1854	Lat. 44.44 N Long. 28.49 W	H Pasquire & R Hele the same. H Domaille returned to duty.
21 st September 1854	Lat. 44.38 N Long. 30.39 W	R Hele returned to duty. H Pasquire still the same.
27 th September 1854	Lat. 44.12 N Long 44.39 W	John Rose off duty bad foot. H Pasquire still sick.
30 September 1854	Lat. 43.40 N Long. 48.51 W	John Rose returned to duty. H Pasquire still sick. Peter Gautier sick pain in the chest.
1 st October 1854	Lat. 43.44 N Long 49.56 W	Peter returned to duty. H Pasquire still sick
4 th October 1854	Lat 42.8 N Long. 53.25 W	Carpenter taken sick pain in the head. H Pasquire as usual.
8 th October 1854	Lat. 40.52 N Long. 62.31 W	Carpenter returned to duty. H Pasquire as usual.
14 th October 1854	New York River off Staten Island	H Pasquire ordered to the hospital by the Quarantine Officer.
18 th October 1854	At New York	George Luxon Cook went to the Hospital this day with a bad hand.
21 st October 1854	At New York	George Luxon returned from the Hospital this day
24 th October 1854	At New York	George Luxon off duty by intoxication
25 th October 1854. Wednesday	At New York	George Luxon off duty by intoxication, and gave insolence to the Master.
29 th October 1854. Sunday	At New York	John Falla seaman absent from the ship all day at 7.30 p.m. two men came to inform the Master or Mate that the said John Falla was in the New York Gaol, having been put in the night previous by the Police for being drunk in the streets after midnight. Master went to the gaol at 8 p.m. but the officer in charge said it was too late for the liberation of the man, and that at 9 a.m. on Monday on paying a fine of \$3 the Magistrate would grant his release. At 9 a.m. Master attended, payed the fine, \$3, and took the man on board, at 10 a.m. he went to duty. Michael Mahy, Mate.
4 th November 1854. Saturday	At New York	George Luxon & John Falla off duty by intoxication.
4 th November 1854	At New York	Henry Pasquire not able to proceed in the ship being still weak, he remains in the Hospital and the balance of wages due to him paid in the English Consul's hands, & John Rodgers shipped in his stead with the Consul's sanction.
6 th November 1854. Monday	At New York sailing down to Sandy Hook	John Falla off duty by intoxication, or owing to same.
6 th November 1854	At New York sailing down to Sandy Hook	John Rodgers having failed to join the ship, Henderk Schmidt shipped in his room. Joined the ship this day @ \$12 per month & received 2 months advance.
December 9 th 1854. Saturday, 11 p.m.	Lat 12.50 N Long. 31.00 W	At 10.30 p.m. Master came on deck, found H Domaille who had charge of the watch asleep, on deck, the weather squally, Master remonstrated with him on his conduct having previously been found in the same state before, that no trust could be placed in him. Michael Mahy. Mate.
December 26 1854. Tuesday	Lat. 4.0 S Long 32.40 W	Henry Falla complaining of head ache and fever, gave him an emetic, he returned to duty the following day.
Dec. 28 th 1854. 2 a.m. Thursday	Lat 7.0 S Long 33.30	At 2 a.m. the Master finding all the watch on deck asleep asked who had the lookout, when H Falla seaman said it was his, Master reprimanded him, and said if the look out was not kept he would note it down then on the official log, when the said Falla said he did not dare a D... for it and otherwise used insolent language to said Master. Michael Mahy. Mate.
January 16 th 1855. Tuesday	Lat 42.05 S Long. 58.0 W	Thos. Hele carpenter laid up with a sore leg, gave the requisite medicine.

January 20 th 1855. Saturday 2 p.m.	Lat. 48.54 S Long 62.16 W	The Ships Provisions are issued out to the crew by Henry Domaille every Saturday and by his own declaration says he served out 2lb more sugar than the allowance on the 13 th instant, against the Master's positive orders. Michael Mahy. Mate
February 6 th Tuesday	Lat. 56.32 Long. 74.47	Henry Domaille persisting in doing things contrary to Masters Instructions and when remonstrated with, gives only insolence to Master, after being ordered not to use a particular oil persisted in doing so, supplying the Steward with. Michael Mahy. Mate.
March 3 rd . Saturday	Lat. 19.14 Long 82.20	E.P. Nicolle ill of bilious attack gave him an emetic which relieved him.
April 9 th 1855 Monday	At Punta Arenas harbor	Henry Falla seaman having with more of the crew had liberty to go on shore, did not return on board with the rest as ordered. Michael Mahy. Mate
April 10 th Tuesday 8 a.m.	Ditto	Henry Falla returned on board at 8 a.m. having been absent without leave 24 hours. Hired people in his stead. Michael Mahy. Mate.
April 20 th . Friday. 6.a.m.	Punta Arenas	Being in the act of unmooring ship & having a boat at the bows of the ship for clearing the cables, John Falla seaman cut adrift a tackle supporting said boat against the Master's orders then present, & gave very insulting language to said Master (mutinous language) telling him to go to his hammock & cabin. Henry Falla seaman disobeyed orders being in a boat under ship's bows to clear cables in refusing to reeve the tackle John Falla had cut adrift, and left the boat, going on deck when ordered by the Master 3 different times to return & do his duty there but would not go, causing the said Master's authority to be laughed at by the rest of the crew. Michael Mahy. Mate
April 20 th . Friday. 8 a.m.	Ditto	George Luxon cook, intoxicated, neglected to get breakfast ready, when the Mate went on deck to see about it found him going off with the boat to another ship, called him back, when he returned beat the Cabin Boy with his hands, when being perceived by the Mate, & a seaman, boy screaming violently, ran and took him away, on which the Cook said if another man put his hands on him, he would run his knife through them & using threatening language – Master ordered him to the Cook House refused, swore he would not & grossly insulted the said Master, by telling him instead of you ordering me I order you myself to take me on shore, & using otherwise most improper language was absent from his work all the remainder of the day, another man had to cook for the crew. Michael Mahy. Mate.
April 20 th 1855. Friday	Punta Arenas	John Falla, seaman, off duty by intoxication from noon to 4 p.m. Michael Mahy. Mate
April 20 th 1855. Friday	Ditto	Thos. Hele Carpenter off duty by intoxication from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Michael Mahy. Mate
April 23 rd 1855 Monday.	Lat. 7.36.N Long 85.0 W	George Luxon Cook taken sick of fever. Gave him opening and cooling medicine.
April 24 th Tuesday	Lat. 6.18 N Long 84.30	George Luxon cook still sick.
April 25 th Wednesday	Lat. 5.45 N Long 84.10	George Luxon Cook still sick
April 29 th Sunday	Lat 3.24 N Long 82.0 W	George Luxon getting better, gave him strengthening draughts
April 30 th Monday	Lat. 2.43 N Long 81.00 W	George Luxon returned to duty
April 30 th 8.30 p.m.	Lat. 3.0 N Long 82.0 W	Henry Domaille asleep on deck having charge of the watch
May 14 th @ 1 a.m.	Lat 12.15 S Long 95.20 W	Henry Domaille again found by the Master as he came on deck asleep on the companion.

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For the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen.

... Clerk in charge of Records.

25th day of March 1879.