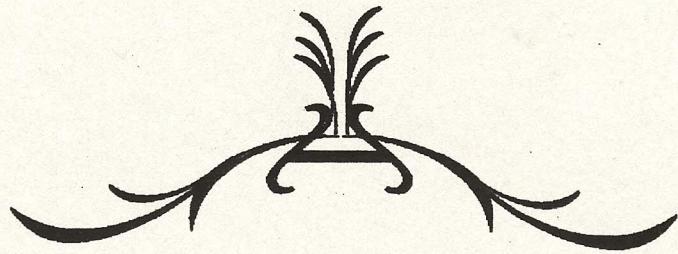


Personal Diary of

DAN FIRTH BOLTON



dated from the 21st of August 1882

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SHIP WARDENGA of 1600 TONS

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Mr George Bentham
No 10 Hines Street
Bakewell
Yorkshire
England

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SHIP WAROONGA of 1609 TONE

Mr George Beaumont
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Finsbury Park station 3 o'clock and we have to stay there till seven thirty then we took train at nine o'clock and got our boxes

Looked over and what we should want for 14 dayes then we had dinner after that we had to see the doctor when we had seen him it was tea time a 1/2 Past 5 after tea we had walk around the dock and the city

At seven there was concert in the home and at ten o'clock we had to be in bed and rise at seven got washed and breakfast and went on bord a packet which took us to our ship down the river twenty four miles we saw the Place ware Princess Allis was lost and we also saw a grate meny boats both ware ships and other

We saw the ship Doronday which Mrs Keaton went out on she had the smallpox on bord the very next time. She went out and when she came home she as not been out since she is dated to sail on the 27 of next month

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We at four o'lock we got to our ship Waroonga our dinner at 4
roast motion and Potates that was the best meal that we have
had since we left home and at 6 we set sail and at 8 we had tea
and bread butter after that went on deck to take our last look
at old England at dark we saw meney ships and light houess
and light ships

At ten we went to bed and ingoyed our rest till about six in
the morning then we whas out of sight of land we had our
breakfast at 8 coffe and bred and butter just as we ware getting
our Breakfast we was near to the ile of whight after we ad
saile a wile we pased a cow floting about in the water we
pased many ships home wards bound and out ward bound

By night we sighted the coast of France soon after we entered
the bay of biskey which to nights and one day duering that time
we ware all sick more or less after we ad got into the bay of
Trafalga things began to mend up a bit we could spend the
day on deck and see the cost of Portugle we say a few
Poupusus hear nd there we saile on in time sile till Sunday
then we again sighted Spain and by none we ware in the bay
that lays betwene Spain and Africa which leads to the
straits of Gibralta just as we ware en-tering we was on the
forecassel-head lookeing out we saw a very large nomber of
porpusess which cept just be fore our ship so near that there
tailes tuched the Bow of our ship

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They kept up with us for 4 or 5 miles then some one threw an empty bottle at them and then they disaperd we saild on for 6 hours with land on both sides of the bay which seemed to be wild country and mountaines place some parts of land been under cultivation but the seemed to be in a very ruf place this was on the Spanish side of the water while on African side there ware some very high mountains

So high that we could not see the top for the clouds they went right up into the clouds inabetance of these lands are the moroca tribe we could see the little wight huts on the hill sides but we could not give no information as to the construction of there houses we saild on through the strates of Gibaralata we did not get so near to them as to tell what they were like only through glases

On one side of the rock it was perpendicular while on the other side it was on a mroe gradual sloop a friend of ours that is going but was working on the rock setting a 110 ton gun when he put in is claim to come out on the Waroonga to Brisbane he telles us that there are 1887 guns on the rock i think jujing from the poschon of the rocks that it would be impossible for any ship to pass if any sighting ad to take place we had to hoist our colors along time be fore we got to them if we had not done this they would have send a gun boat out to us to search our ship and if we had refused there admishen they would have put a hole through our ship side we ware before the sock six at night

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after we had pased the rock we could see land for a long time i have often heard people talk about sun the sun set i never saw such a sight in all my life every coular that ever you could think which cept changing as the sun went down after that had a salvation meting on the forecassel head that if the fore part of the ship which is higher than the other parts of the ships deck the moone was shining with all its glory and the stars ware shining like dimonds in the sky we could see fore miles on the water wile we sany many of the old hims that we use to sing at home salvation hymns mostly so that all could join in the courass

At ten o'clock we turnd in for bed after spendin a very good evenin of in joyment

Monday we saild all most all day and scarcely saw any thing except a sinal sock pilar and then we had butter and bread or treakle or malmalade and bisket for our dinner we had Potates boild with the jackets on so you see that we had all the filling to do our selves we had also pease soup and hind beef tea at half past five tea butter and bread bisket treacle malmalade cheese in the evenin all the English men asembld on the fore cassel again to have a evenin injoyment again so after we had elected a cockney for the chairman as he was the first man to sing a song

Of course we all joined in the couras

After that there ware a Yorkey that came on the same train

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as we did he comes from Alefax and other two from Bradford but at any rate they ware at a stand still wanting some one to sing so he got up and sung them the celeborated song intitled Green Leaves duering the dirst verse they all listend verry a tentavly the cok-ny was just suted with it as it wass all Green Leaves there was an irshman standing by when he ad heard as long as he thought fit he went down below and started talking to one of our lot he told him that he would be darnd if he ever heard such a sond in all his life for he said it was nothing but Greenleaves at any rate we carred on till ten o'clock then we turnd in for bed

Tuesday morning we was up by six got washed and filled our tanks with fresh water for the day then we had our breakfast at eight coffey butter and bread and a barrel of sea briskets to go to any time when we wanted after breakfast was over all the wemen and children had to go on deck and the men had to seare the flore with sand and a holy stone that is a stone about the size of a brick but it is white you can bet your clogs it gave us a puting up but us that was not so fat could laugh at the others but it made us sweat verry hard after this ad been done it was neare hand dinner time then we hade some after to start praperin for dinner we had hind meat and potatos boild with there jackets on after dinner all the wemen and children went on deck as in the fore-none and we had to wash up the dinner pots wile they ware sat at there ease

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After we had washed up we could take a stroll round the deck or sit and talk all the rest till tea time them we had to take the tea down into the bow room after tea we had to wash up as usual and them wash our selves and get ready for the even meeting that is the only time that we can enjoy our selves in singing songs and telling tales but the forgoing is a good part our every day work so you can tell that we are kept in good form for working at six we went on the forecastle to pass the time on and see the sun it is a grand sight

Thursday morning

5 am when we was at Malta we had to wash and get water then get Breakfast after Breakfast all the women and children ad to go on deck and we had scour the floor with sand and holy stone after we had about an hour to spar then we ware in sight of Cyprus which looked like the coast of the Isle of white the sun shone bright it was 94 deg. in the shade when the sun sets it is a grand sight we have had the moon shining since we passed the strates of Gibralta

Friday we saild all day and only sighted one vessel and that was at five in the morning we saw a few porpus fish duering the day but no land we have had to pull up our speed for if we had gone on at the speed we was going at we should reach port said by Saturday night and then we should have to pay harbor duty for sunday and monday for we are going to get coal for our engins there and they do not work on sunday

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Saturday we sail'd all day and we saw only two vessels one at seven and the other at 6 the sea was calm the more had been at full 2 days and it was a grand sight we could see

Sunday morning six in the morning we rose got washed fill'd our cans of water for the day at half past ten went to church came to dinner after dinner the Friends meeting came on we have not seen one single ship this day although we are so near to port this afternoon none i have spend my time writing to you we expect to be in port either tonight or early in the morning

Monday morning 4 o'clock we got up on deck the pilot ad got on board and we was in sight of a light house which was just on the Breakwater which extends for a long way out into the sea

We had to sail between two breakwaters one on our starboard and the other on our port side of our ship

The port side is the left hand side of our ship when we got to land we stoped to coal fair in front of the Pand O Company Offices ware we took on 4 boats of coal for our Engins it was about 6 o'clock when they started to get in the coal and it was quarter to 12 when we started off again into the canal the houses in front ware all white

Some as high as 5 stores the por fellows that got on board the coal was like slaves there is no mistake about that they had to

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take it into the ship in a small bag bag and run up a plank
throw it into the bunker and run back for another they was as
black as though they had been in a pit all there lives and never
been washed

At the entrance of the canall there was one of the large
dredges at work but we had not chance to take any note of it as
we passed it we saild on up the canel which is about as wide as
from your house to the bottom of the lane one ship as to put
into the side to let the other pass there is stations on the Banks
and they stop all ships at dusk for the night we stoped on side
one of the stations and they have the boxes empty they come
and lay down till they fill them and then they get up and take it
to ware it is wanted we have pased many droves of camels
working on the Banks when it got to about ware there ware
houses built of the brier that grow hear and there on the desert
and some of them was built in a workman like maner but upon
the aal they looked very well you will say so if ever you come
past

There is a range of hills beind this ware our troops ware
fighting in the Sudan war behind this hills the Battle of
Telhellkeber was fought it was about alf past 12 when we
ware shotting some kind of bird by the moone light ands fishing
is very good in the canel if any of you comes out heat you must
bring with you some ropecord for they bite hand into they must
have sharp teeth the natives run along the banks to pick up the

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spuds and biscuits that the chaps threw for them

Tuesday morning at 5 we started again on our way when we had gone about a mile we had to put in the side to let one ship pass the banks of the canal are all sand and it is sandy planes for as fare as every one can see there is very little trees and no grass grows there at about 10 we passed about 100 camels and men at work on the Banks of the canal when enterd the Bittler Lakes we ware sailin in them till 2 when we enterd the canal agin then we ware in till alf past 4 and at 5 we started from Suez town to cross the Red Sea at alf past five at night it was just dark by 7 when we went onto the forecasselhead we could see to or three sharks daring before our ship and the water that our ship turnd up shone like dimonds as they turnd away from the ships side at ten we all turnd in at 12 they came across one of the same companys steamers that was homewards bound they signled by means of lights and rockets which lasted some time the ship Orinza

Wednesday we saild all day with out seen one single ship

Thursday one ship at ten homeward bound

Friday verry hot no land to be seen hear there is some small fish but what kind i can not tell

Saturday not one sail came across our sight

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Sunday morning we rose at six all went on as usual till about ten when we sighted a large rock called the Garbaltera we are told that there use to be some silver mines on the rock it must be all solid as we saild with -in ten yards of the edge of the rock ware the water was breaking over the rock

We saild on till afternoone when we past a large nomber of rocks calld the twelve apostels it was near hand dark when we had past this and about ten o'clock we enterd the gates of hell it was very dark as no moone ware shineing

Monday morning we ware up in good time byfore the others we ware up by fore as we expectd to be in port aden which was a very bare place in the shape of folage the hills is very high reachin up into the clouds we stopd there till Tuesday getting coal and spuds meat and other provisons for the voige

Tuesday morn at alf past ten we saild and till two in the afternoon we was very near to the Batereys which belongs to Englad and i think that the Gibralta is not to be mensond on the same day as then at four we lost sight of land

Wednesday we saild all day not one single sail in sight plenty of flying fish

Thursday we had a funeral this afternoone a child 9 months

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old died alf past five in the morning and was buried at alf past two in the afternoone

Friday nice breeeze sea calm all went on well a grand sun set this evening

Saturday no ship nor nothing but sea and sky

Sunday we got church in the morning and then we have don for the day though no person is compeld to go

Monday a cloudy sky but no rain

Tuesday we had a little rain though we have had grand sailing all through the worst was in the bay of Biskey we expect to land in the morning

Wednesday morning at alf past five we at Port Colombo which is the nicest place that we have seen since we left England on the Banks of the sea is large trees and the houses are white with red tile plate at this port there a very long break water it will be near to mile long and at the end there is a light house when the water comes and rushes agenst the wall it flys up into the air 100 ft the boats of the natives are not like ours they are very narrow and ther have a solied pice of wood about then there is to pieces of wood is fasined to one end of the boat and the other end to the pices of wood that sailes about 10 ft

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of the side of the boat and that keeps the boat the right side up it is something wonder full to see how they sail about without bein capsized we ware in this port about 4 hours gettin ice on bord hear we send a letter home when we had sail'd about two hours we came in full view of riba passha house this man was transported from egypt duering the time that England take esuelarang it is a very large house all the walless are after the stile of that country that is wite and it is plesently suiteuated on the sea shore we sailed on down and we could see all the coast all day and at five o'clock we came in frount of clyon you must tell little tims that when you go for your tea that we have see the place ware he gets hy tea from and it is a very nice place there was a grand sunset at this place

Thursday all went on well one ship name unknown fine weather

Friday all day not one thing to be seen

Saturday nothing extra to speak of

Sunday we expect to cross the Line today if all is well

Monday rather warm duering the day and a shower toards night which timd down but the sea was quite calm

Tuesday a fair wind making 15 knots