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Guide to the

Providence logbook

1838-1840

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Summary

Creator: Providence (Ship : 1822)

Title: Providence logbook

Date: 1838-1840

Size: .15 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: Alfred C. Adams, 2nd officer, kept this logbook on the merchant ship Providence, owned by Edward Carrington & Co. and commanded by Captain C. B. Peirce from December 10, 1838 through April 26, 1840. During this time, the ship sailed from Providence, Rhode Island to Batavia and Manila, thence to Macao where it discharged rum and "boxes said to contain treasure;" to Hong Kong, leaving sugar and pepper and loading cotton, lead, and ivory; and to Whampoa (near Canton) for more cotton. Entries mention minor hostilities between the Chinese and the British, resulting from Chinese objection to trade invasion. From China, the Providence sailed toward New York, via Batavia and St. Helena. The log ends en route

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

Batavia (Suriname)
China -- Foreign relations -- Great Britain
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Hong Kong (China)
Huangpu Qu (Guangzhou Shi, China)
Macau (China : Special Administrative Region)
Manila (Philippines)
Netherlands
Providence (R.I.)
Saint Helena

Subjects

Commerce -- History
Cotton trade
International economic relations -- History
International trade
Ivory industry
Lead industry and trade
Logbooks
Merchant ships
Rum industry
Spice trade
Sugar trade

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Ships' logs

Names

Providence (Ship : 1822)
Adams, Alfred C
Peirce, C. B
Edward Carrington & Company