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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

Great Britain -- Foreign relations -- China

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