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Guide to the

U.S.S. Boxer logbook

1816

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Summary

Creator: Boxer (Ship)

Title: U.S.S. Boxer logbook

Date: 1816

Size: .08 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: This logbook was kept on board the U.S.S. Boxer by Timothy Gay, midshipman in the United States Navy, from March 13-July 18, 1816. The ship was commanded by Lieutenant John Porter. Entries describe cruises between Havana and New Orleans. Around April 7, the Argus crew boarded and detained the Carthaginian Privateer "Comet," finding a cargo of gold and silver bars, and fourteen slaves taken from Saint Andrew Island. An entry describes two men found guilty of murder of the Governor of Saint Andrew Island. On June 3, Argus crew boarded the Brig "Hunter," from Cadiz, and learned that an officer and three men on the U.S.S. "Constellation" had been killed by the Spanish at Port Mahon and the American squadron there had been ordered to leave. Mentions ships carrying rum and sugar to foreign ports. Log is incomplete

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

Isla de San Andrés (San Andrés y Providencia, Colombia) -- History

Subjects

Logbooks

Privateering -- History -- 19th century

Rum

Slave trade -- Colombia -- History

Slaves -- Colombia -- History

Sugar trade -- History -- 19th century

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Ships' logs

Names

Boxer (Ship)

Gay, Timothy

Porter, John

Comet (Ship)

Constellation (Frigate)

Hunter (Brig)

United States. Navy