

and we proceeded to business. The chair said there were bills to be paid, and as the tenth of November was drawing near, the day on which we were to sail, the sooner they were paid the better. It was voted that Mr. Hooper be authorized to pay all the bills for the company, then the committee on ship stores was called; they said they had the different prices of many different stores, and they found Blood's in Lynn had figured the lowest; their report was accepted. Mr. Hooper had bought the water casks that would hold two thousand gallons of water. He had fallen short of money and borrowed one hundred dollars of Mr. May, one of the company, and he would want two hundred dollars more as the boys had not paid in. To this Mr. Rowley arose and said his brother had the money and he thought we could get about five hundred on a mortgage—of course the vessel was good for it—if the company agreed to it. We consented that Mr. Hooper get what money he wanted from Mr. Rowley's brother, as he was one of us, and this business would not be known outside of the company, so Mr. Rowley was notified that he was wanted at Mr. Hooper's house on a certain evening on a matter of business. Mr. Hooper notified the boys they could go to the Globe Manufacturing Co. to have their measure taken for the jackets, and went on to say that he had found out that Mr. Hogan was a crook, that he had found a man to take his place who wanted to go with us, and wanted him to pay his money into his hands and he could have the money he had paid into the company. Mr. Hooper denounced Hogan as a scoundrel trying to rob this Mr. Ricker of New York. Yes, it was a downright attempt to rob, but it seems Mr. Ricker was advised not to pay it and escaped a bunco. Mr. Hooper said further he was glad such a man was out of the company. He had known him for a long time and thought him honest and upright, his judgment had led him astray;