

Journal of a voyage from
London to Port Victoria N. L.
In the Barque "Ashmun" 1854

May 30th Went on board the "Ashmun"
at Gravesend in the evening with
a large party to see us off. There is
a fine vessel of about 500 tons
carrying about 70 passengers including
22 first class passengers besides children.
31st At three o'clock in the morning
Capt. Hastings came on board to
see us off. About that time we
weighed anchor and took steamer
for a short distance, then the wind
being East we had to beat round
the N. Foreland which being done
we had a fair wind down channel.

June 1st Fine breeze and fine weather
symptoms of sea sickness visible in
looks of many of the passengers.
This morning a most distressing
event took place in the death of
our chief officer Mr. Martyn, he
was taken ill soon after dinner
yesterday and died this morning
early. In consequence of this it was
decided that we should go into
Plymouth for a water. For
Mr. Martyn was buried in the sea
this afternoon in presence of the
ships company ~~and~~ passengers &c.
June 2nd Took a pilot on board about
two o'clock, and came to an anchor
in Plymouth sound about 5 o'clock
when we went on shore and
remained at the Navy Hotel until