

On Board Bark Abraham Barker on Tristan Ground

Tuesday January 29 1867

The first part of these 24 hours good weather
But strong winds & we have been employed at
cutting in our whale & at 3 P.M. we finished & observed
good decks & changed every thing &c
Middle part strong winds & squally we
were under short sail & we stood by watches the
Leather part strong winds & we started the
Watch Clocks & went to trying out & the weather
grew better & we stood half watches today &c

Wednesday Jan 30

The first part of these 24 hours good weather
We were employed at trying out our whale &c
Middle part the same
Leather part good weather & we made a little sail
& started to the N. with a fair wind & we were
employed at trying out our whale &c

Thursday Jan 31

The first part of these 24 hours good weather
But a strong breeze & we were employed at
trying out our whale & finishing in cleaning up
our decks &c Middle part blowing strong & some
rain & we finished trying out our whale &c
Leather part blowing strong & some squally with
rain & we were trying to under a clear sky main topsail

Friday Jan February 1 1867

The first part of these 24 hours blowing strong &
some rain & we have out our oil on deck & barrels
& are waiting for weather to start it down &c
Middle part the wind died away &c
Leather part strong winds & we were employed at
stowing down our oil & between 10 & 12 we raised 2 pigs
Whales we loaded & our second mate had a good chance
to his bait there missed &c & then we went to
work stowing down again & we got all our oil
off deck by dark &c

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Saturday February 2 1867

The first part of these 24 hours blowing strong & we
were employed at finishing stowing down & we finished
about 5 P.M. & collected every thing & sailed for a gale &c
Middle part blowing a gale &c
Leather part the same &c

Sunday February 3

The first part of these 24 hours blowing strong
we were under short sail & I myself did duty
Middle part the weather began to moderate down &c
Leather part the weather some better & we made a little
sail &c & I myself slept with bare eyes &c

Monday February 4

The first part of these 24 hours fair weather & we made
some sail & I myself did duty with bare eyes
Middle part strong winds & squally with rain &
we were under short sail & I myself slept about
Leather part light winds & raining & we made some sail &c

Tuesday February 5

The first part of these 24 hours light winds & some
raining & our men have been employed at ships duties
&c Middle part good weather & we were under short sail
Leather part clear & we had all sail set & our
men have been employed at ships duties &c

Wednesday Feb 6

The first part of these 24 hours good weather but
the weather begins to look like a storm again
Middle part strong winds & squally with rain &c
Leather part fair weather for this place but a strong

Thursday February 7

The first part of these 24 hours good weather but
a strong breeze & we were under short sail &c
Middle part strong winds & squally &c
Leather part strong winds & we made some sail &
started off to the E. N. E. with a fair wind &c