

*Bark Gatherwood off Cape East Cape
South Atlantic Ocean Friday December 22nd 1848*

247 *Friday 22nd*
This day commences with calm
weather. At 3 P.M. light air from S.W. heading S.E.
Middle and latter part light air & calm.

250 *Saturday 23rd*
Commences with fine weather & light
air from S.W. steering S.E. Middle part much the same. Light
latter part fresh gales from N.W. & S.W. steering S.E.
Lat 35.42 S Long 13.50 East.

251 *Sunday 24th*
This day commences with fresh
gales from S.W. & S.E. with a horrid sea Middle
part Gale moderating a little heading from S.E. to S.W. &
3 points variation one point current. Making a considerable
Leeway At day light we backed ship heading S.W. to W.
Latter part strong breeze & heavy swell heading S.W. to W.
Lat 36.08 S Long 17.03 East.

252 *Monday 25th*
The first part of this day
rugged heading S.W. Middle & latter parts fine weather
Ship heading from S.W. to S.E.
Lat 37.22 S Long 19.17 E

253 *Tuesday 26th*
This 24 hours commences with calm weather
middle part light air from N.E. steering S.E. & S. Latter part wind
to the North blowing fresh. took in Day, galls, sails
steering S.E. & S. Lat 38.16 S Long 20.03 East

*Bark Gatherwood off East Cape (Blow-hale)
Wednesday December 27th 1848*

254 *Wednesday 27th*
{ Oh my pretty girl if I was with you Oh dear }
When 24 hours commences
with fresh gales from North W. & S.W. double reefed
the Top sail, At 3 took in Mainsail & Fore sail & fore
Top sail. close reefed the Main Top sail. & have the
heading S.W. blowing a heavy gale from S.W.
with squalls and a bad sea. Middle part
heavy squalls of wind & rain from the Westward
with Thunder & lightning. Latter part blowing
heavy but not so squally Ship heading North.
Lat 38.34 S Long 20.08

255 *Thursday 28th*
Commences with gale from
the South & West. At first part set Fore Top sail
& Fore sail & kept her before the wind.
At 3 took in Fore Top sail & fore sail & have
her to again heading to S.W. At 4 P.M.
saw a Stern-masted Brig, a screwing before
the sea, blowing heavy with a what I call
a horrid sea At 6 P.M. set the Fore
sail and am kept off S.E. blowing hard from N.W.
with squalls and heavy sea. Middle part Gale moderating
set Fore Top sail & one reef out of Main Top sail.
At daylight calm with strong current & heavy sea.
At 8 A.M. had a fine breeze from S.W. Mainsail
steering S.E. Lat 37.17 S Long 20.49 East

256 *Friday 29th*
This day commences with fine weather steering
S.E. & S. from S.W. Middle part wind hauled to North
blowing. Latter part blowing a smart gale from North
double reef Top sail steering S.E.
Lat 37.42 S Long 24.38 East