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Bound to the Ochoa Sea
Tuesday April 3rd 1849

Smart breeze from the N.E. & good weather. All sail set that will draw steering N.W. by N. Mianah part fresh breeze and squally. Latter part at 6 Steamer M. by M. Fresh breeze. From 10 to 11 rain
34.11
173.32

Wednesday April 4th

Fresh breeze from the E.N.E. and good weather. All sail set steering N.W. by N. Mianah part squally. At 1 took in Miz top gal sail. At 3 set it again. Latter part smart breeze and dark cloudy weather. At 8 came M.W. part smart breeze and dark cloudy weather. At 8 came M.W.
35.49
170.45

Thursday April 5th

Smart breeze from the E.N.E. and dark cloudy weather. All sail set steering N.W. by N. Mianah part gal sail. Mianah and tent it again. Mianah part moderate. Latter part light wind. Sent down Miz top gal sail, felled, and sent it up again
37.19
168.25

Friday April 6th

Light winds from the E.N.E. and good weather. All sail set steering N.W. by N. Mianah part the same. At 11 Steamer M. by S. Light winds from the E.N.E. during latter part. At 8 Steamer M. by M. Mianah part the same
38.14
166.25

Saturday April 7th

Light winds from the E.N.E. and good weather. All sail set steering N.W. by N. Mianah part light winds from S.E. Latter part the same
39.18
165.10

Sunday April 8th

Light winds from the S.E. and good weather. All sail set that will draw steering N.W. by N. Mianah part lively winds. Latter part breezing on and dark weather. Took in fore and main top gallant sails.
40.15
163.40

Monday April 9th

Strong breeze from the S.E. and thick rainy weather. Steering N.W. by N. with whole top sails and main top gallant sail. At 1 close reefed the Miz top sail. At 2 took in Miz top sail. At 5 double reefed the fore top sail. At 6 double reefed the main top sail. At 8 took in the Miz top sail. Flowing heavy with rain. At 12 heavy squalls of wind and rain with lightning in the S.E. At 3 moderating. At 6 set fore and Miz top sails. At 6 set single reefed top sails and top gallant sails. At 8 the fore reef of the fore sail parted and split the sail into. At 10 took in top gallant sails. At 11 put out the fore sail
33.12
162.10

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Tuesday April 10th 1849

Flowing a moderate gale from the S with squalls of rain and very rugged. Steering N.W. by N. under single reefed top sails jib and Miz top sail. At 2 bent the fore sail. Stepping on At 6 took in the jib and main sail. At 11 the wind shifted to double reefed the top sails. At 3 wind M.W. Latter part blowing in heavy squalls of wind and rain. At 10 took in Miz top sail.
34.29

Wednesday April 11th

Flowing a smart gale from the N.W. and very rugged. At 1 took in the fore top sail. At 12 close reefed the main top sail and took in the fore sail. Heading N.W. by E. Saw Black fish. Mianah part blowing in heavy squalls from the N.W. Latter part a heavy gale from the N and ran high sea on. Ship lying for under a close reefed main top sail. Main Spencer and fore top mast stay sail
34.40

Thursday April 12th

The gale still continued as bad as ever, but the ship behaves well. At 4 washed the gangway rail away. Wind N.W. and blowing a screamer. At 9 blew the fore top mast stay sail into ribbons. At 10 that the lee yard arm of fore top gallant sail to pieces. At 12 rolled the Starboard Boat under falling her and split the rail ^{between} the heel of the davit ~~out~~ but by good fortune saved the boat. At 3 the fore of main Spencer cut of the rope. At 3 began to moderate. Latter part wind and sea gone down considerably
34.50

Friday April 13th

Flowing a moderate gale from the N.W. with rain squalls and a bad sea running. Lying too heading N. under a double reefed main top sail and main Spencer. At 2 moderating. At 6 took in the main top sail. Mianah part wind M.W. and moderating. At 12 set the fore sail. At 5 set whole top sails jib and main sail. At 6 wind M.W. Set fly jib and main and Miz top of sail. Under main Spencer to mend. and applying S.B. davit. At 11 raining

Saturday April 14th

Smart breeze from S.W. by S. with drizzle rain. Steering N.W. by N. At 12 took in top gallant sails and Miz jib. At 3 single reefed the fore and Miz top sails. At 6 single reefed the main top sail and took in jib main sail and Miz top sail. Mianah part at 11 wind shifted to the N.W. and moderating. Set jib and main sail. At 3 set whole top sails. At 6 calm. Latter part a light wind from S.W. All sail set steering N.W. Saw a fin back
36.08
162.35

Sunday April 15th

Light winds from the S.W. and good weather. All sail set steering N.W. A heavy swell from the N.W. Mianah part light winds from the N.W. Latter part cats pawed from the N and dark cloudy weather. Saw a fin back
36.45
162.10