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Bound Home
Wednesday Oct 24th 1849

Strong breeze from the NW and squally. Rugged weather ship rolling heavily. Steering N by E with mizen top gallant sail on the cap and reefed fore and mizen top sails. At 2 moderate set main top gal sail. At 4 course SNE. Set whole top sails and main sail. Middle part moderate. At 2 a lively breeze and drizzly rain. Latter part lively breeze. Set all drawing sail. Dark cloudy weather.

56.55
71-Thursday Oct 25th

Lively breeze from the NW and dark cloudy weather. All drawing sail set steering N by E. At 4 light breeze from NW. Middle part moderate and drizzly. At 5 breeze NW and drizzly. At 3 shifted N by E. At 4 NE. At 5 light breeze from NW. At 9 breeze N distant 13 miles. Latter part smart breeze with rain squalls. Course N by E.

56.55

Friday Oct 26th

Smart breeze from the NW with rain squalls. All sail set steering N by E. At 2 strong squalls. Took in the fore and mizen top gal sails and reefed mizen top sail. At 6 moderate. Set all sail. Middle part calm and rainy. Latter part at 8 a light breeze from NW. Working to leeward. Put out waist boat.

55.24

Saturday Oct 27th

Light breeze from the NW and fine weather. Heading by the wind N by E. All sail set. Got up the chains and bent them. At 2 wind shifted to the S. At 3 saw Good Success bearing N. Came at 5 heaving on in heavy squalls. Took in fore and mizen top gal sails and top jib and reefed the mizen top sail. At 8 entered Straits of La Maire and ran down as far as Cape Lige when it moderated. Hauled to the wind. Saw a ship working N. Middle part light breeze from NW and snow squalls. Working to the windward. Latter part light breeze. Set all sail working into Good Success Bay. At 9 came too with the small anchor in 3 fathoms with 45 fms. Sent a raft ashore and bent in for wood. At 11 came on a heavy gale from NW. At 12 the ship struck a drift. Let go the back board and shot her. Layed out 40 fathoms and 70 fathoms on the small one. At 12 got alongside with a raft of water.

Sunday Oct 28th

Strong gale from NW. Ship riding easy with both anchors ahead. At 10 Boat came off with wood. Lashed in the water and started at the old pipes. Reckless for the castle. At 6 moderate. Middle part moderate. Latter part good weather. Got off wood and water and took our anchor and at 12 stood out of the Bay.

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Monday Oct 29th 1849

Lively breeze from the NW and good weather. All sail set steering N by E through the straits. Shored anchors and chains and made all snug. At 3 shored N. Middle part smart breeze from SW and beautiful weather. At 12 stood N by E. Moderate fast. At 5 calm. Latter part at 8 a smart breeze from SE. At 10 thick weather.

Tuesday Oct 30th

Smart breeze from SE and spitting rain. All sail set steering N by E. At 1 took in the mizen top gallant sail and reefed the mizen top sail. Saw many finbacks. At 3 chain up and moderated. At 5 set all sail. Middle part light breeze and haul SW. At 4 calm. Latter part at 7 a lively breeze from the N by W.

53.24

Wednesday Oct 31st

Lively breeze from the NW and good weather. All sail set heading by the wind N by E. Shifted the Beaufort's Sails bearing N. At 4 breeze on. At 6 took in fore and mizen top sails and top jib. At 8 took in main top sail and reefed mizen top sail. At 9 reefed fore top sail and took in jib and main sail. Middle part strong breeze and drizzly rain. Latter part moderated and wind hauled to NW and chain up. Making sail to the wind.

53.17
55.56Thursday November 1st

Smart breeze from NW and good weather. Rugged. Steering N by E with all sail except mizen top gallant sail. At 1 a sea swell fore top mast stay sail. Wind NW. At 3 set the standards and shored mizen. Middle part strong breeze from SW. Latter part wind N and moderate. Resorting potatoes. Not sold.

51.25
52.53Friday Nov 2nd

Lively breeze from the NW and good weather. All sail set steering N by E. Resorting potatoes. At 3 wind moderating and hauling north. At 4 wind NW by N. Heading by the wind N by E. Middle part smart breeze. Latter part breeze on from NW. At 6 split the fore top gal sail. At 8 took in the mizen. At 9 took in top jib main top gal sail and reefed the mizen top sail. We reefed fore and main top sails.

51.03
51.08Saturday Nov 3rd

A moderate gale from the NW and rugged with rain squalls. Heading by the wind N by E. Reefed top sails jib and main sail. At 2 took in the main sail. At 4 took in jib and mizen top sail and double reefed fore and main. At 6 took in fore sail. At 8 wind hauled NW and moderating. Very rugged. At 9 set fore sail. At 2 set single reefed top sails jib and main sail. Course NW. Latter part at 5 set all sail. Sent down fore top gal sail men and bent it. Light breeze from NW.

49.10
78.13