

1876 Bk Claire at Western Islands

Thursday Oct 5th

This day begins with strong breezes from the northward. Bk leaving E.S.E. planning down to the Island of Flores at 4 P.M. Bk off Point Delgada And at 5 P.M. off Santa Cruz. To date to do any business Middle part strong breezes & squally weather Bk under Double Reef Top sails & Foresail on Starboard tack until 1 P.M. at that time were ship and stood in towards the land latter part light airs from the northward & calm with light rain Flores distant 10 miles

Friday Oct 6th

Begins with light airs and calm working in towards the Island of Flores all sail out at sundown the Island bore N. (wind N.) & distant 8 miles. 1 sail in anchor Middle & latter part strong winds at 8 P.M. got on to Leary's and Capt. M. went on shore Engls with Bk laying off & on at Leary's. Engls. in company with Bk Sealangir & Cape Horn Pigeon

Saturday 7th

Begins with strong breezes from the north Bk laying off & on at Leary's. at sundown came off Middle and latter part light airs and calm Bk on opposite tacks Flores bearing N.W. dist 10 miles

Sunday 8th

Comes in with the light variable breeze Bk working up to Santa Cruz under all sail at sundown the town distant about 6 miles and bearing N.W. Middle part light breezes latter part very much the same spoke Bk Atlantic (Hong) 30 bbls 3/4

Monday 9th

Begins with fine weather at 8 P.M. Bk off the town of Santa Cruz Capt. M. went on shore Came back at 5:30 P.M. Proceed forward & turned S.E. thick foggy weather Bk under double reef & Foresail latter part thick foggy weather all sail out bearing S.E. by S.

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Tuesday Monday 10th

Comes in with fine breezes from West N.W. with foggy weather at 1:30 P.M. sighted Chapel off the lee beam dist 5 miles brought the ship to the ground on Starboard tack until dark at which time doubled Reefed Foresail furling Gibb, Sprunker & Main sail squared in the yards and altered S.E. Wind N.W. Weather thick and rainy Middle part more moderate Bk tacking S.E. by E. latter part fine pleasant weather Bk under all sail tacking S.E. by S. Mates employed washing ship 34.38 Long 28.06

Wednesday 11th

Begins with fine weather Bk under all sail. At 8 P.M. at dark doubled Reefed the topsails furling Gibb & Main sail Middle part Bk on opposite tacks latter part. Came to anchor in St. Michael's

Thursday 12th

Ship's part employed morning ship finished at 6 P.M. Good news from home good news for one had come from the deep blue sea latter part sent down Royal & Topgallant yards and commenced breaking out & coopers oil

Friday Oct 13th

Ship's part employed. Breaking out & coopers oil also took our boats on shore and started them up Middle part Starboard water on shore latter part all hands employed Coopers oil & Cask and strong ground tier

Saturday Oct 14th

Ship's part employed. Sack of Fresh Water Oil all ready for shipment Middle part one water on shore latter part Lighters came off and took our Oil and carried it to the Amegada 18 bbls & 17 1/2 galls