

March 1853

Wednesday 23 commenced with strong breeze (1)
And pleasant weather steering at 7 1/2
middle part moderate turned the reefs out of
the topsails latter part the same but smooth
top gallant sail. Employed in fitting boats
Lat 16 39 N
Long 140 10 E

Thursday 24 commenced with strong at 5 1/2
trades steering at 7 1/2 W at 6 o'clock
at 10 handed main top gallant sail all
hands in good health with the exception
of a few holes we have no cases of lads
fever and we may think the laws of quinine
more than the virtue of the fennel
middle and latter part strong gales from 5 1/2
steering at 7 1/2 W killed a young cow
we got at 16 miles
Lat 18 38 N
Long 138 40 E

Friday 25 first part of this day strong gale
and bad weather steering at 7 1/2 W under
double reefed topsails and courses
My light is so poor I was at post gone
scribbling for the present so good night

Saturday 26 all of this day strong gales from the East
steering at 7 1/2 W under bare sail
Lat 20 140

Long 140 East or there or 8 miles
We are somewhere among the boning Islands
and running through them by 3 different
charts and none of them agree

Sunday 27 This day I shall note nothing for I weary
of writing one thing over so many times
The month is almost ended we are down his fair
to old march for a year all I can say is go with
it at best it is a blustering old month that every
body dreads and with good reason with us it has
been a young gale of wind from the corner
ment to the present time
So why should we regret to see it go perhaps
the coming month will give us better days
At all events we will live in hopes
so good night

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Tuesday 29 first part of this day light airs from
the S 1/2 steering at 7 1/2 W by 1 1/2 at 6 o'clock
all sail abate part calm latter part
strong breeze from S 1/2 we are amidst
rocks and shoals and a very poor guide to
lead us through them
Lat 30 N

Wednesday 30 all of this day strong breeze from
S 1/2 steering at 7 1/2 W at 6 o'clock
at 10 double reefed the topsails and luffed
to the wind with the main yard at back
latter part running on our course to the
Parth
Lat 31 22 N

Thursday 31 commenced with strong breeze
from S 1/2 steering at 7 1/2 W under
single reefed topsails and courses
at 6 o'clock at 10 luffed to the wind
with the head yards at back
at 10 o'clock at 10 luffed of our burse rant
at 9 then laid the ship by the under close
reefed mizen and doubled main topsail blowing
fresh from S 1/2 with rain the air is some cooler
and what it was the first of this month so ends
March in a gale of wind
Lat 33 or 34 thereabouts

Friday April first 1853 commenced with
a gale of wind from S 1/2 laying by the wind
under double reefed main and close reefed mizen
topsails this is all we have to note for the first
day of this month
The had several laughable jokes through the
day in the line of making April fools
but we all had to give in to the captain for
getting the start of us all at supper we
had some very nice looking doonut on the
table and each one took a share to top off
with but when we came to eat them we found
they were filled with cotton