

Bark Congaree New Bedford Bound

Friday May 1st 1863

To Anchor fine weather Night breezes from S E
got underway & steered out of the Bay latter part calm
Boats ahead towing the Bark Balahna & Harbottle
in company so ends this day

Saturday May 2nd

First part fine fresh breezes from Eward steering
W by S latter part deck all clear so ends this day

Sunday May 3rd

First part light breezes from S S E steering
W S W by compass latter part calm & light baffling
winds making to the westward the Balahna in sight
so ends this day Lat by obs 36.34 S

Monday May 4th

First part fine weather fresh breezes from S S W
heading S E & E S E latter part the same
heading E N E by the wind Captain Swift is very
sick with a pain in the left side caused by firing
a 300 lb cannon gun about two years ago it has troubled
him ever since he takes cold at 3 Am more ship
to the S W so ends this day Lat by obs 36.20 S

Tuesday May 5th

First part fine weather fresh breezes from S S E
heading S W by the wind at 7 Am the Captain is no
better more ship steered E N E for Talcahuano
latter part the same so ends this day

Lat by obs 37.00 S

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Wednesday May 6th

First part fine weather fresh breezes from S W
steering E N E latter part the same Captain Swift
is no better so ends this day

Thursday May 7th

First part fine weather fresh breezes S S W steering
E N E by compass at 6 Am saw the land ahead
at 11 Am saw Saint Maria Island heading E N E
latter part fine running down the Coast the Captain
is no better to day he has not been on deck for three
days at 8 Pm we were in the entrance of Talcahuano
Says the wind layed all night so ends pumped ship got
225 strokes so ends this day

Friday May 8th

First part fine weather light breezes from N running
to Talcahuano at 8 Am anchored in 4 fathoms of water
the Doctor came on board stated the Captain's case
to be severe if not helped soon so ends this day

Saturday May 9th

To Anchor the Captain very sick they are to work on
him latter part no better wind from the North
blowing fresh pumped ship again to day
got 400 strokes so

Sunday May 10th

To Anchor wind from the North blowing fresh
the Captain is a very little better latter part the
same we let the men go on shore to night two ran
away the one shipped before so ends this
day

Monday May 11th

To Anchor light breezes from N plenty of rain
Captain Swift is a little better to day the men employed
in various duties about ship pumped again to day
got 384 strokes so ends