

Keels on the center board boats, Carpenter

Varnished the Cabin, Killed Sheep

Friday Feb 5th Lat by obs 12, 47 Long by Ch 130, 40

Fresh breeze from S.W. and some rain squalls, Steering S.W. by W. and part of the time S.W. by E. The hazy horizon looks that we were approaching land and there is a little chill in the air, So I put on an under shirt, Employed on the digging Put a keel on the Larboard boat and painted over 2 old boats over head, Putting on a keel to the Carriage of the big gun, Run a lot of flugs and balls for the guns, Land 110 miles off

Saturday Feb 6th Lat by obs 14, 20 N Long by Ch 128, 38

Last night light wind from S.W. by W. Heading W by N. All sail set. Through the day strong wind from S.W. by W. Carrying main gulland and top sail & topmast. Keels the fore & main top sails, had a squally through the day. Put a keel on the 3^d masts boat, Put up a stopper for shifting boards in the main hatch. Mr. Fisher let the menceeing Masheens fetch a way & went to the leeward and broke, Lashed up things across deck for bad weather, Repaired the fore gulland sail, & bent it, bent the main staysail, No land in sight

Sunday Feb 7th

Strong wind from S.W. by W. Heading W by N. through the day & last night, Head to the N.E. by E. 13th hours, All sail set, Saw the main top sail last night in letting out a reef and bent it on deck this morning and repaired it & bent

it, At 1 PM Saw the Island off the stern

to the west of us at 3.30 PM in 8 miles of the Island, Tacked and stood off, Heading S.W. by E, Saw a reef of lumpy rocks off the S.W. side of the Island, there would be danger of running on in a dark night, The big island looks green and pretty and saw smoke in several spots on the land

Monday Feb 8th Lat by obs 14, 45 Long by Ch 125, 40

Strong wind from N. and variable in glass, Carrying all sail, stood to the N.E. by E. part of the night, & part the night and through the day. Head to the N.E. by E. the Island by the stern from 9 to 12 M to the leeward of us 25 miles off, Cooper and Carpenter putting keels on the boats, Put up the fore topmast backstays & gulland back stays, Tied down the main rigging, Finished repairing an old libby, Took out unshelled corn out of the house, Dried it by the fire over, It was so green that it miled

Tuesday Feb 9th Lat by obs 15, 25 N Long by Ch 125, 04
Last night light wind from S.W. by W. Had to till morning for a rocky At 8.30 in the morning set all sail and steered S.W. by W. Saw the rocky At 9.30 strong wind from N.E. by E. At 9.30 At 1 PM steered off for Point S.W. by W. by W. Very glassy and overcast sky with little rain, Blue water At 5 PM 2 small islands to the S.W. of us from 25 miles off, the highest rock or small island named Sea, you see, At 5 PM coast 130 miles off, got our guns ready for use, Small rich Port this noon about 100 fathoms high

Lat 26, 15 Long by obs 123, 15
No danger of running for the first time, the night reef ran about one mile from us, S.W. by W.