

Wednesday Feb 10th Fresh breeze from ESE

and then hauled to N, steering NW by W for W. till the wind hauled to N, at 1 PM, then steered W by S at 1 PM saw the land or islands to the West of us. At 1 PM saw 3 Devil fish going NNE, saw three whales 15 miles off shore. At 3 PM saw another Devil fish 15 miles off shore going to the NNE. Light muddy water or light green water all day. Saw about 15 or 20 small fishing boats, with small boats down a fishing. These boats may be 20 miles off shore. Islands and rocks all along the coast here & it is so close we can't see the main land. At 3.30 PM in one mile of the rocks, steered off SW by S along the islands. At night came in quite thick. In the morning, hauled up the chains and bent them and put one anchor off the bow. Employed on the rigging. We loaded all our guns, made or marked a deep sea line, ready for sounding. We fetched in by a rock on the chart called Seven Stones. Lat about 27° N

At 6 PM shortened sail & at 6.30 took aboard 20 fathoms.

Thursday Feb 11th

At day broke set all sail and steered SW by W, with a light wind from NNE. At 9 we were amongst the islands, thick drizzly weather. Saw that we were in side of one island. Steered off SW. At 11 PM ran past a low rocky bar, being over it and should have been off from it. Saw the main land at 11 & plenty of small islands along the coast. Main land quite high. Saw 3 Devil fish going to the NNE, saw 3 larks. At 1 PM saw a barque off shore steering to the SSW. Light green water. Lat by obs 26° 05' N Long by Ch 120° 26'

Friday Feb 12th Last night light variable wind

from S, standing upon opposite tacks. I spoke a Merchant Barque, she was bound in to Foul Chow. In the morning light wind from W and thick honey. At 10 saw a large steam shipeller coming from West & E. Put us steering SW by S, at the same time the wind burst out from the thick bank in West & and blew very heavy in squalls. We run the ship off fore the wind. Call all hands on deck and got all sail in with out blowing away. In the course of an hour it died away and rained all day very heavy, a sharp swell coming in from S.E. Steered to the SW by S. Set up 1/2 of the fore topmast backstay. Set the main fore some shoes. Said by through the night and the wind hauled to West E. Light water in shore & dark water off shore.

Saturday Feb 13th

In the morning set all sail and steered SW by W till we were close in to the islands and saw the main land. Saw plenty of larks off shore in shore. Close in to Hatan. The Ten Islands. At 9 steered off SW by S along the islands till 11 AM then I thought we had one SW fair enough. On account of having to beat to the NNE against a NE wind and it is getting late to Devil fish much this season. So I will beat to the N. Dark green water to the North. Now that the channel of shore. In the middle of the channel saw 2 Devil fish going to the NE fast. Latter part of the day strong wind from NE. See some white shells in the water, such as Manure birds, etc. Employed on the rigging. Cooper & Carpenter to work at their trades. Cool weather on the coast here. At 12 saw a ship to Southward.

Lat by obs 25° 13' N Long by Ch 120° 27'