

Monday Feb 14th 1869 Strong wind from N.E. through the night, Heading upon opposite tack, Carrying main topgallant sail, In the morning Formosa Island near by in sight and the most of it high land, stood off from the island and stood back latter part of the day, wind from N.E. by E, Saw a Hermaphrodite bird, Stealing S.W. saw a Lark steering for the island before the wind water more light colored, Killed a Sheep

Lat by obs 15, 32 Long by Ch 121, 20 East

Tuesday Feb 15th

Strong wind from N.E. and rugged weather, First part of the day took in the gallant sails and fly Libby, standing to the N.W. by W. At 12 M an Island 8 miles off to the S.W. of us, the ship and I stood to the E. by S, blowed on by the reefed the fore and main & Mizzen top sails, washed out my boat sail & the crossmast, Cool storm, Whetting my straps to the fresh water buckets, A large steamer shiped us, steering to the S.W.

Tuesday Feb 16th

Fresh breeze from N.E. stood upon opposite tack last night, & stood to the E. through the day, All sail set, set up the Mizzen rigging & main topmast backstays on the starboard side, Strapped buckets, Cooper making a minceing tub for the Masheene Carpenter & my self put the Cabin stove up, Brewe water, Saw a humphback

Lat by obs 16, 35 Long by Ch 122, 15

Wednesday Feb 17th First part of the day light

wind from N and fine weather, standing upon opposite tack, Last night had a breeze from E. by E & heading N., Latter part of the day blowed up strong from N.W. and cleared up, At 5 reefed the top sails, Rained some, Saw that the main topmast was badly sprung, Repaired the quarter, Bent & the fresh water buckets, set up the foremast Mizzen rigging & main topmast backstays, Cooper making a minceing tub, Killed a Sheep, Latter part of the day heading E. by E, Saw a Lark & a Lumper

Lat by obs 17, 16 Long by Act 123, 10

Thursday Feb 18th

Strong gales from N and bad weather, Hove too in the night under a close reefed main top sail & staysail, blowed the lib out of the gabst and tore it bad, Fore the main sail & parted the leach of the foresail, & slated things to pieces generally, Turned the boats over, Bent a new main staysail, Standing upon opposite tack, Dark blue water

Lat by obs 17, 15 Long by Ch 123, 37

Friday Feb 19th

Light wind from N. by E and fine weather, heading from N.W. to E. by W. all sail set, saw a sail to the N.E. of us, Repaired the main sail & Libby, Broke out for meat & water, Killed a Sheep, Don't get to the N.E. very fast,

Lat by obs 17, 40 Long by Ch 123, 25