

Ship Courier Whilst Cruising in the South Pacific

Friday Decr 13th 1839

Commenced with moderate trades from the S.E. with fine pleasant weather at 5 P.M. bent the Main Sail middle part much as the first at 7 A.M. on bent the No. 1 & 2 Sails & bent another latter part moderate pleasant weather heading up. S.W. employed repairing the Libb & Mizen Top Sallant Sails so ends.

Lat by Obs. 3.23 Long by Chrt. 154.26

Saturday Decr 14th 1839

163rd M. made
the Libb & Mizen
the Long 11.4.38.46
by Chrt. 11.4.32.45

Commenced with moderate trades from the S.E. with fine pleasant weather saw Porpoises at 8 P.M. bent the No. 1 & 2 at 3 on bent the Libb and bent another. middle part moderate breezes from the E.S.E. and pleasant heading up South at 8 A.M. on bent the Main Top Sail & bent another latter part wind from E by N to E.S.E. saw a number shoals of Porpoises so ends the watch employed repairing the Main Top Sail.

Lat by Obs. 2.04 N Long by Chrt. 154.50 West.

Sunday Decr 15th 1839

Commenced with moderate trades from E by N with fine pleasant weather all necessary sail set by the wind to the best advantage middle & latter part much the same so ends Lat by Obs. 1.15 North Long by Chrt. 154.31

Monday Decr 15th 1839

Commenced with moderate trades from the Eastward with fine pleasant weather all necessary sail set by the wind to the best advantage heading up S.E. by E. middle & latter part brisk trades took in the Libb & Fore & Mizen & 2 Sails at 7 A.M. saw a whale of the Ship's weather beam spouted 10 or 15 times saw a Ship to the S.E. at 3 touched for the whale found it to be a Finback at 9 tacked back again strong trades at E by S with fine weather Carpenter employed making a new comb for the Cook so ends Lat by Obs. 1.56 South Long by Chrt. 153.52 West.

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Tuesday Decr 17th 1839

Commenced with brisk trades from E by N steering S by W the wind with the barboard tacks aboard at night shortened sail middle part much as the first at daylight were Ship to the North at 6 on bent the Main Sail latter part brisk trades and fair weather single reef Top Sails not employed making Fore & Main Tack and a Cook house so ends the 24 hours

Lat by Obs. 2.33 Long by Chrt. 153.28

Wednesday Decr 18th 1839

Commenced with brisk trades from the Eastward standing to the North at 2 P.M. kept off S.W. at 5 saw Black Fish at night took in the Main Sail & Main Top Sallant Sail middle part more moderate at daylight turned the reefs out into the No. 1 & 2 Sails were Ship gathered S.P.M. at 7 on bent the Fore Top Sail bent another latter part fine pleasant weather employed repairing Fore Top Sail and building a Cook house so ends the 24 hours

Lat by Obs. 2.12 South Long by Chrt. 154.10 West

Thursday Decr 19th 1839

Commenced with moderate trades and fine pleasant weather steering S by W employed repairing the Spar her and making a band for the 2nd sail at night took in the No. 1 & No. 2 Sails buffed the Ship to the wind middle part moderate at daylight made sail kept off S.P.M. at 6 on bent the Mizen Top Sail to repair at 11 finished it bent it likewise the Spar her so ends.

Lat by Obs. 3.47 Long by Chrt. 154.15 West

Friday Decr 20th 1839

Commenced with moderate trades and fine pleasant weather steering N.P.M. at 3 P.M. made Malabon's Isle bearing S by W about 15 miles. Ship kept the Ship West. at night took in the Top Sallant Sails buffed the Ship to the wind to the North middle part moderate pleasant weather at 6 A.M. into the Main Sail latter part brisk trades at 10 into the No. 1 & 2 Sails saw two Blump Backs so ends Lat by Obs. 2.46 Long by Chrt. 155.17 West.