

124 Ship Courier Whilst Cruising in the South Pacific

Saturday Decr. 21th 1839

Commenced with brisk trades from the E.N.E. with fair weather steering by the wind with the starboard tack aboard half past 2 P.M. saw a Breach 4 points off the starboard bow kept off for it at 3 luffed too with the main T. Sail to the starboard lay about 15 minutes then kept off West and run 15 minutes longer but saw nothing more at 4 luffed to the wind to the North at 5 P.M. hauled to the T.E. at night took in the Courses & M.T.S. at 12 mid night wore ship to the North at day light with the fore sail better part brisk trades and squally weather variously employed so ends Lat by Obs. 1.50 Long by Chrt. 155.5 West.

Sunday Decr. 22th 1839

Commenced with brisk trades from the Eastward steering by the wind with the starboard tack aboard at night took in the Courses put one reef in the Top Sail & the fore sail part more moderate half past 5 A.M. wore ship to the North made all sail at 7 kept off S.W. latter part moderate trades with fine pleasant weather steering S.W. with all sail set so ends Lat by Obs. 2.14 Long by Chrt. 155.16 West.

Monday Decr. 23th 1839

Commenced with moderate trades from the Eastward with fair weather steering N.W. at night luffed to the wind put 2 reefs in the Top Sail middle part much as the first part at half past 5 A.M. made sail at 6 kept off S.W. latter part brisk trades with fair weather so ends Lat by Obs. 00.52 South Long by Chrt. 155.55 West.

Tuesday Decr. 24th 1839

Commenced with brisk trades from the Eastward with fair weather steering N.W. and S.W. at night put 2 reefs in the Top Sail middle part steering N.W. at day light turned the reefs out with the M.T.S. at 6 kept away S.W. latter part moderate trades with fine pleasant weather employed tarring down the fore & aft stays finished the Cocks Sails & Painted it so ends.

Lat by Obs. 00.12 S Long by Chrt. 158.08 West.

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Wednesday Decr. 25th 1839

Commenced with brisk trades from the Eastward with fair weather steering South at night doubled reefed the Top Sails middle part steering S.E. at day light made sail kept off S.W. latter part brisk trades and pleasant weather employed painting the lower masts cooper repairing old Ribs so ends Lat by Obs. 2.03 South Long by Chrt. 158.20 West.

Thursday Decr. 26th 1839

Commenced with brisk trades from the Eastward with fair weather steering N.W. at night luffed to the wind to the North and doubled reefed middle part much as the first at day light turned the reefs out at 6 kept off West with the M.T.S. sail latter part brisk trades and fair weather saw Porpoises employed painting the heads of the lower masts & Bow ports & squaring & coping the fore rigging cooper employed repairing old Ribs so ends Lat by Obs. 00.54 S Long by Chrt. 160.00 West.

Friday Decr. 27th 1839

Commenced with brisk trades from the Eastward with fair weather steering N.W. with 3 Top Sails M.T.S. & Courses furled at night put 2 reefs in the Top Sails kept away S.W. middle part wind and weather much as the first part at day light turned the reefs out with the M.T.S. latter part very strong trades from the E.N.E. steering S.W. variously employed so ends Courses furled Lat by Obs. 1.45 Long by Chrt. 161.54 West.

Saturday Decr. 28th 1839

Commenced with brisk trades from the E.N.E. steering South at 1 P.M. took in the M.T.S. at night double reefed the Top Sails at 7 P.M. luffed to the wind to the S.E. middle part much as the first part at 6 A.M. wore ship steered S.E. let one reef out of the Top Sails with the M.T.S. at the till at 11 turned the other reef out of the fore & M.T.S. sails so ends steering N.W. with the Courses furled

Lat by Obs. 2.22 S Long by Chrt. 163.02 West.