

Ship Courier from Tahiti Towards New Bedford in 1822

Saturday May 7th Commences with fresh gales from the North with thick weather steering E by S half East at 12 took in the Main Sail at 3 took in the Mizzen Top Sail at 4 close reefed the Fore Top Sail took in the Jib at 12 midnight let one reef out of the Fore Top Sail at 4 A.M. the wind veered to the N.W. at 5 turned all the reefs out on the J.S. Sails at 7 set the Topmast Standing Sail & Main J.S. Standing Sail at 8 set the lower Standing Sail steering East at 12 had a squall, halled in the lower Standing Sail so ends Lat by Obs: 53 23 S Long by Calc: 88 30 West.

Sunday May 8th Commences with a brisk wind from the N.W. with clear weather steering East at 2 P.M. halled in the J.S. Standing Sail at 3 halled in the Topmast standing Sail at 5 P.M. the wind halled to N.W. at the Jib took in the J.S. Sails at 10 took in the Main at 12 put 2 reefs in the Top Sails took in the Jib at 1 A.M. took in the Fore & Mizzen Top Sails at 3 close reefed the Main middle part with brisk gales with heavy squalls & rain at 6 took in the Fore Sail after 6 A.M. the squalls came with less violence at 10 close reefed the Fore Top Sail & set it so ends Lat by Obs: 54 30 Long by Calc: 85 16 W.

Monday May 9th Commences with brisk gales from the N.W. steering East at 2 P.M. the wind veered to N.E. and moderated down sun on the Fore Sail & turned one reef out of the Main Top Sail at 5 turned another reef out & set the Main J.S. Sails middle part with brisk winds with fair weather at 5 A.M. the wind began to breeze on took in the J.S. Sails at 6 put another reef in the Main Top Sail latter part brisk gale from the Westward with sun squalls so ends. Lat by Obs: 55 28 Long by Calc: 80 41 West.

Tuesday May 10th Commences with a brisk gale from the Westward with squally weather steering E by S at 5 P.M. close reefed the Main J.S. Sails took in the J.S. Sails at 7 P.M. set the J.S. Sails middle part on a moderate latter part moderate breeze helling round to the Eastward thick raining weather so ends single reef Top Sail Courses & Jib set No Observations

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Wednesday May 11th Commences with a brisk wind from the E.N.E. inclined to breeze on at 2 P.M. double reefed the Top Sails at 3 took in the Main Sail at 4 close reefed the Fore Top Sail took in the Jib at 6 close reefed the Main Top Sail wind at East at 7 took in the Mizzen Top Sail at 8 took in the Fore Sail middle part with brisk gales with thick weather at daylight the wind halled to the E.S.E. at 9 A.M. veered Ship to the N.E. set the Mizzen Top Sail latter part wore moderate but a very heavy sea on set the Fore Sail turned one reef out of the Fore & Main Top Sail so ends with a leaky Ship and rotten Main Mast No Observations.

Thursday May 12th Commences with a brisk wind from the E.S.E. with thick weather steering by the wind with the starboard tack aboard double reef Top Sails & Courses set at 5 P.M. the wind left us remained calm with a bad sea on until 1 A.M. then took a breeze from the N.W. kept the Ship to by 3 turned the reefs out of the Top Sails set the Top Gallant Sails at 7 A.M. set the Topmast Standing Sail latter part moderate breeze with sun showers so ends Ship heeling about 300 strokes per hour Lat by Obs: 56 48 South Long by Calc: 75 18 West

Friday May 13th Commences with a moderate breeze from the N.W. with thick weather middle part nearly calm at 6 A.M. a brisk breeze sprung up from the N.W. set the lower J.S. Standing Sail latter part thick raining weather steering E.N.E. so ends No Observation.

Saturday May 14th Commences with a brisk wind from the N.W. steering E.N.E. at 2 P.M. took a heavy squall from the S.W. called all hands brought the Ship down to close reef Fore Top Sail Fore Sail and double reef Main Top Sail after midnight the wind moderated down made all Sail at 7 A.M. made the Diego Ramirez Islands bearing about North Dist 15 miles saw a Shark to the S. steering to the Eastward at 8 altered our course to N.E. by E set lower Topmast & Main J.S. Standing Sails so ends these 24 hours Lat by Obs: 56 47 Long 68 22