

Ship Cyrus from London to Portsmouth 1804

Thursday 12th Breeze N & E wind and flying Clouds with all sail set running into the Downs. Spoke Ship Brothers of London Capt. Thos. Pigeon from the East of Peru with 850 Tons of Spices at 2 P.M. got into the Downs expecting three boats but as there was but two came off we came too we came too with the L. Boreas and took a boat of the Hercules of London Capt. Ben. but at night the boat broke adrift and drove on shore at Deal, and we laid still for a new boat. Latter part fair wind at N & E took the new boats and weighed anchor having lost Buoys & Buoys-rope.

Friday 13th Gentle Breezes at N & E & fair with a Pilot on board we sailed from the Downs and at 5 P.M. passed the South Foreland with all sail set to 3 P.M. at 9 P.M. Dungeness bore North 1/2 League Distance. Steered West having previously got all of the Guns in readiness for Defence. Latter part fair W. wind gusty at 6 A.M. past Beachy Head, steered W. wind

Saturday 14th Gentle Breezes at South & fair steering to the N.W. toward Spithead at 5 P.M. past the Owers at 9 came to at the Mother Bank with the L. Boreas Anchor on 7 Fathoms water and discharged the Pilot. Latter part I went on shore at Portsmouth and supplied the Ship with Beef Vegetables &c. and ordered an Anchor stock Two stowage Top &c. The L. Boreas Irons &c.

Ship Cyrus laying at Portsmouth 1804

Sunday 15th July took a pilot and moved the Ship where to be handy for the ferry boats passing to & from Portsmouth and lay with the small Boreas on 7 Fathoms water having gentle variable Wind & fair

Monday 16th fair W. Wind Employ'd at resting up the Rigging and painting the Ships Sides and joining the Boats and painting the Guns fore & aft

Tuesday 17th fair W. Boreas up between Decks and stood most of the spare spars between Decks and run out the Main & 3rd & Foremast over the Stern and painted two boats took on board a new Foretop sail one half Tons of Board, a new Anchor Stock Vegetables &c. Moved with the Kedg & Lawsons

Wednesday 18th Breeze W. Wind Employ'd about the Rigging, Copied at the Dories &c. took on board Potatoes measures and sundry small articles from the Shore

Thursday 19th Squally weather wind Westerly Employ'd on board at fitting the Rigging &c. took on board four Shewing sail boom Irons, two Royal trawlers one band for an anchor stock, and a 28th Ply of White Lead and 2-5 fresh Meat

Friday 20th Fresh Northwesterly winds and flying Clouds laying still at the Mother Bank took passage on shore as usual at 11, 12, 11 O'clock and supplied the Ship with Beef and Black Lead &c. and took 28th Ply of White Lead. Nothing new concerning a Cowry Employ'd on board at stocking an Anchor and painting the masts &c. &c. &c.

Saturday 21th Commences strong winds at N & E and flying clouds so as not to be able to get on shore to day the Sally & Caldonia sailed by themselves. Intended to remain at anchor waiting for Cowry Employ'd at placing the boats over the Quarter deck and preparing for good Voyage