

Bark Daniel Webster in the North

Sunday Dec. 23d

All day strong N.E. trades & clear weather. at 11 A.M. kept ship off to the N.W. for the Virgin passage at 6 saw the E. end of Santa Cruz island and saw to the N. the high land of Tortola St. John and the numerous islets down their southern coast at 8 saw St. Thomas at 12 off Bird island at 2 P.M. passed sail Rock midway the Virgin passage and at 4 P.M. to the N. of all the islands when I got an Obs. to regulate Chron. found our working one to be 6 miles too far W. and the other Chron. to be 24 miles too far E. The Obs. were taken when the E. end of Snake island bore S. per compass.

Monday Dec. 24th

Comes in with fresh N.E. trades and fine weather. Ship steering N.W. per compass with all sails out. Watch employed in cleaning and painting boats. One sail in sight in the A.M. Lat. part in light from E. Lat. 20.16 N. Long. 67.10

Tuesday Dec. 25th

First part light breezes from E. & S.E. and pleasant weather. Ship steering N.W. per compass with all sails out. One sail a large ship in sight steering W.N.W. Watch employed in painting boats. Mid & Lat. part fine weather. saw one finch. Lat. 21.48 N. Long. 67.00 W.

Wednesday Dec. 26th

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S. and overcast. looking much like rain. Ship steering N.W. with all sails out for Malinella Reef. Watch employed in tearing down the galls and building it larger and placing it forward abreast the foremast. It has stood between the bow, hatch and mainmast and altogether too small. In the P.M. wind invariable from the W. One sail in sight steering W.S.W. Water blue & clear with the exception of Gulf Weed. Lat. 23. N Long 67.30 W.

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Thursday Dec. 27th

Comes in with moderate breezes from the W. and fresh cloudy weather with some rain. Ship by the wind to the N.W. with all sail, but fore-top gull, sail, out. Water blue & clear with some Gulf Weed. Nothing in sight all day. Watch employed on the galley and doing other work about ship. Some rain in the P.M. Lat. 24.30 Long 71.40 W.

Friday Dec. 28th

Comes in with moderate breezes from W.N.W. & cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the N. with all sail out. One sail in sight steering to the S. at night. Have seen, through the day glasses, one finch & pieces of squid and several birds. Water blue all day with some Gulf Weed. Lat. 25.03

Saturday Dec. 29th

Comes in with a light breeze from S.E. a light breeze having sprung up from S.E. last night about 10 P.M. and hazy weather. Ship steering N.W. with all sail out. Nothing in sight all day. In the P.M. rain took in light sails, breezes strengthening from the S. at 5 took in upper topsails. No Obs.

Sunday Dec. 30th

Comes in with strong gales from S.W. and overcast. Ship by the wind to the N.W. with small sail out. double reefed topsails & courses. Nothing in sight but a few birds. gales increasing all the A.M. at 12 a heavy gale. Ship lying to under fore, main, & miz. staysails. All the P.M. blowing heavy. Lat. 26.54 Long. 73.45

Monday Dec. 31st

All day blowing heavy gale from W.N.W. and equally with heavy rains. Ship lying to under main & miz. staysails heading N.W. One sail in sight steering to the S. The wind hauling to the S. gradually. Lat. 27.21 N.