

Journal of April of 1869

Tuesday 13th

This twenty four hours commences with fine breeze from the Northward steering by the wind heading E N E. Saw Pin-back & Lumps. Employed in Sticks & Ship duty in general. Also saw large quantities of Kelp. Through the night had steady breeze from the same quarter. At the usual time made sail steering by the wind heading N E 1/2 E. Saw Pin-back & Lumps. Employed in Ship duty.

Wednesday 14th

This Twenty Four Hours commences with strong breeze & a heavy swell from N. W. heading by the N. W. Saw one Seal steering N. W. & back up. The sea from London bound to the Cape of Good Hope. In Eclipse of Full moon was & hail. Employed in Sticks two pipes. At sundown shortened sail as usual. Through the night had light air & sailing from N. W. to N. E. At 4 A.M. started off N. E. At 7 A.M. started at N. E. more ship's steer North East with thick & rainy weather. Under main sail & fore by sail & jib. Had no sun today.

Thursday 15th

This Twenty Four Hours commences with light winds & thick fog & rain nasty weather & heavy swell setting from the North. Had the wind N. E. steering N. E. At sundown furled the mainsail but the bysack & jib. At 10 A.M. started at N. E. under bysack & jib in the morning calm at 10 had a breeze from Northward & Eastward steering by the wind the sun got no sun.

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Friday 16th

This Twenty Four Hours commences with light air & sailing from E to N. W. steering N. N. E. under all sail. At sundown shortened sail as usual almost calm with some rain. Through the night had calm & light air from all quarters. At 4 A.M. there was some kind of Spouting fish around. We supposed them to be sperm whales but saw nothing more of them afterwards. Weather part had some rain weather. At eight A.M. made all sail. Had the wind from N. W. At 10 A.M. had it calm with a heavy cross swell the had been steering N. E. if the sea was supposed the whales to be going. But had to take in every stitch of sail or else it would have started to pieces. At twelve we had the wind N. E. had some sail & steering N. E. by N. & wind with no sun.

Saturday 17th

This Twenty Four hours commences with strong wind from N. W. & turning round to N. E. steering N. N. E. under fore sail main by sail & jib. Through the night had moderate weather from N. E. steering N. N. E. saw no moon in morning. Watch employed in Ship duty. At noon got the sun found our selves in Lat 29 35 N Long 2 40 W.

Sunday 18th

This Twenty Four Hours commences with strong breeze from N. E. steering N. E. by North. Saw Dolphin bottom & Sperm whale. Employed in Ship duty & C. Middle part the same. At eight A.M. set the main sail wind increasing. Furled the mainsail. Had some quantity of rain. Saw Pin-back & Lumps.

Lat 26 24 N
Long 2 37 W