

Off the Pelona, Cruising

May Friday 7th 1869

This Twenty Four hours commenced with light winds & squally from S.E. Sailing with the Brig Herald At 4 P.M. Capt. & wife came on board Shortened sail as usual. Saw one other sail. Through the night had light wind & rain squally from S.E. steering by the wind on the S.W. tack until midnight then tacked stand to the Eastward At daylight were ship heading S.W. by S & stands sail. Saw two birds. Employed in skinning & making salt. Saw the land off our bow at 10th 16 South

Saturday 8th

This Twenty Four hours commenced with a good all sail breeze from S.E. steering to the S.W. by N. with a heavy swell setting from the North. Saw a Merchant-man. Caught two Dolphins. At sundown shortened sail as usual. Wind increasing. Through the night had quite steady to the Eastward At 4 made sail & were to the S.W. saw two sail. At eight A.M. made the bearing N.W. by N. At 12 M bore of the Cove & lost bearing 16° 23' S

Sunday 9th

This Twenty Four hours commenced with strong breeze from S.E. steering to the S.W. saw three sail. At 4 P.M. Capt. of Redwood of Long had been with his second mate 19 months from home with 550 lbs. Through the night heading under short sail to the S.W. At sunrise made sail with three sail into port. At 9 A.M. tacked ship. downed. Stand bearing N.W. Lat 16° 30' S

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Monday May 10th

This Twenty Four hours commenced with strong trade with all sail set & steering to the S.W. saw two sail. At sundown shortened sail as usual. Went around on the Eastern tack. Through the night had strong trade from about S.E. steering by the wind on the Eastern tack. At about 9 A.M. the Capt. of Brig Herald & wife came on board. Spread our chairs & shored on the S.W. tack. I went on board had a pleasant time. Saw no other sail. So windy. Lat 16° 23'. Lowest bearing 16° 14' North

Tuesday May 11th

This Twenty Four hours commenced with strong S.E. trade from 4th until 5 P.M. steering on the S.W. tack at sundown shortened sail as usual & were ship heading S.W. by N. Through the night had strong trade from S.E. steering by the wind on the Eastern tack. This morning saw three sail. Steered from 5 to 9 A.M. by N.W. N.E. N.W. when luffed by the wind heading S.W. by S. & S.W. by S. At 12 M got the sun behind our Lat 16° 28' S. Lowest bearing 16° 12' N

Wednesday May 12th

This Twenty Four hours commenced with strong gale of wind from S.E. steering by the wind heading S.W. by N. & East saw two sail. Supposed one to be the Chief. At sundown shortened sail as usual. Had the Port boat on the upper corner & have been so for 26 hours. It is dry as the devil around here & has been ever since we came here. Watch employed in knotting rope yarn. Through the night had strong breeze & squally. At 4 were ship & set the main sail & fly jib but furled the mizzen again it being squally. Saw five sail. Started a small place in the jib hauler & it down & saw it up very thick. So ended

May 12th Lat 16° 28' S