

Cruising off St. Helena.

Wednesday 19th

This Twenty Four hours commenced with strong breezes & squally weather. Saw one sail. Employed in repairing the after hatch of the Fore sail steering by the wind on the Port tack at sundown was abet. At 6 P.M. there was a light fly fish flew on board. Through the night had steady winds. At day light went to spring on the Fore sail. At 9 bent it & was ship. At all sail some squally about the same time the strap or plate in the stern which the outer top stay luffs to gave away. Stopped it up to the inner one. At mid this day with same squally.

Land bearing N. W. 1/4 N. Lat 16 1/2 S.

Thursday 20th

This Twenty Four hours commenced with light winds & steady from N.E. by E. Employed in repairs in other words putting in a shackle to the fore stay at two had it bent but saw no sail at sundown shortened sail as usual & went around on the other tack. Through the night had steady breeze. At 4 A.M. was ship. Steered by the wind heading to the S.W. at daylight made sail. Saw several sail. Watch employed in bracing ropes & securing the fly. At day light was abet. Lat 16 1/2 S. Land N. W. by E.

Friday 21st

This Twenty Four hours commenced with fine steady breeze. At 2 P.M. was spoken by the Brig. Which had seen nothing. Capt. Kelly came on board to bleed the third mate. At sundown shortened sail & went on the other tack. Through the night had steady winds. At 4 A.M. was ship. At day light made sail. At 10 A.M. was a job by the Captain. Saw several sail. No wind.

In the month of May in 1869

Saturday 22nd

This Twenty Four hours commenced with light winds & steady weather. At about 2 P.M. lowered a boat for a piece of sail. It being very large at sundown shortened sail. This after noon gained the B. G. Spray. Through the night steady winds. At 4 A.M. was ship. At daylight made all sail with light steady winds & fine clear weather. Saw several sail. Employed in slushing & ship duty. At noon got the sun. Lat 16 1/2 S. Land in sight bearing N. W. 1/4 N.

Sunday 23rd

This Twenty Four hours opened with fine weather & light steady South winds. Steering by the wind on the weather tack. Saw several sail & some fire-works. At sundown shortened sail & was ship. Letting almost discouraged by going so long without seeing a speck of land. At 10 A.M. was ship. Through the night wind increasing. At 2 P.M. took new ship heading to the S.W. At daylight wind blowing quite fresh. Made no sail. At 12 M. got the sun. Lat 16 1/2 S. South. Some giving us by. Cross 13 miles to the West of St. Helena & end.

Monday 24th

This Twenty Four hours commenced with strong breezes & squally weather. Steering to the Eastward under two topsails & jib. At 2 P.M. the after top rope to the jib parted. Fixed it & set it. At sundown reefed the fore sail & set it & abet the jib top sail & sent it in. Heading E. & E. N. E. At 4 P.M. was ship. The land bearing N. by W. At 7 P.M. was ship. heading to the S.W. At 10 P.M. ship gave a sudden pitch & parted the jib top sail. Springing the flitch boom close to the cap. sent in the flitch. Through the night weather the same. At daylight was around at night. Steered E. N. E. saw the sail. Employed in bracing out a jib. At eight raised the land bearing off by East at noon got the sun. Lat 16 1/2 S.

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