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Tuesday 25th

This Twenty Four hours commences with strong breezes & equally weather with a very large sea running. Saw several small birds. At 5 P.M. sent for the old file & bent our best one & took out the reef in the fore sail. Altered by the compass N. E. by N. At sundown luffed by the wind. Belained bearing N. N. W. Through the night wind continued to blow very hard. At 9 P.M. took out the reef which was put in at sundown in the fore sail. At 2 A.M. were ship at day light kept her off for the land which bore N. W. by W. At 9 A.M. the ship to the fore sail broke close between the peak & yard. Dick broke short off. I don't know why so many accidents do happen. Rigger out the fly jib boom & set up the jib. At 1 P.M. sent for the old file & bent it for a file. At 12 P.M. came to & let go the anchor in fifteen fathom water gave her 45 fathom chain & ends.

Wednesday 26th

This twenty four hours strong winds as in other words. Strong gusts of wind blowing to anchor at 11. At 1 P.M. sent out & came in one schooner in here & several merchant-men employed in unshipping the out side of the ship. Through the night had weather the same. In fore noon employed in unshipping the fore mast & repairs. Boat so much with the sails & rigging off & on. Thursday 27th

Still at anchor weather the same. Employed in breaking out the hold for wood sent on board the Three Brothers on cord of wood. Received from her two spars & one boat. Through the night weather the same. This morning employed in rigging off the broken strop &

the outer bobstay & fitting the new foremast. Sent a small boat. Weather squally. Evening & quite squally. Broke out shelling & shells this day.

Friday 28th

This Twenty Four hours commences with strong breeze & equally there were several arrivals to day of merchant-men. We were employed in getting out a foremast & putting the mast back at 1 P.M. but did not come. (This forenoon employed in getting out foremast & putting on end, sides of shelling. Several dead cats in among them says our English Stomach & ends.

Saturday 29th

This morning four hours had the weather employed in fitting the mast & sent it over the board that is the mast. Through the night weather good. Fore noon employed in breaking foremast & to work over the bows & breaking out the hold for oil. So ends.

Sunday 30th

This twenty four hours and weather. Had got the foremast bent & the head rigging set up & fire & oil on deck & sent dead cats fitted to the anchor. Up on mast-backs. At supper time washed off. Weather the same. So ends this day.

Monday 31st

Weather good & free from rain. Through the night the same. Employed in sending ashore fire & black fish oil. Day ends the same.