

Journal of January (1840)

Wednesday 12th. This twenty four hours commences with good breeze from the W. Steering East. At Sundown Chartered saw fishing, fore sail & outer jib. Employed in ship duty saw pumping out Sundown Shaken Middle part heading to the Westward at Sundown made sail heading to the North & East. Saw porpoises. At 10 ends Lat 33° 25' S Long 5° 15' W

Thursday 13th. This twenty four hours commences with light winds & good weather heading by the wind to the N.E. Employed in breaking out bread meat & flour. Middle & latter quite moderate day close with a calm. At 10 ends Lat 33° 12' S Long 5° 23' W

Friday 14th. This day opens with a calm employed repairing fore sail. There was a man stated that what we were an St. Helena there was meat stolen by two men in their port. Middle & latter light North winds. Saw one boat had a gun. her name Mary & Dea ch. Steered to the Westward saw nothing more. Lat 33° 18' S Long 6° 11'

Saturday 15th. Co. very rough & heavy. Learning with the S. & S. Leach Middle & latter Steering heading by the wind Lat 33° 18' S & 9°. heading to the W. At day light made all sail the Red & Blue day ends in a calm

Lat 33° 18' S Long 6° 11' W

At 10 ends Lat 33° 18' S Long 6° 11' W

Sunday 16th

This twenty four hours very strong breeze. heading to the N.E. Employed in ship duty. Middle part heading to the W. At day light - took all sail. day ends with a calm Lat 33° 46' S Long 6° 45'

Monday 17th

This day opens with a calm taking in sail. At 4 P.M. under the S. & E. caught 23 dolphins. Saw a boat to the Westward. also. Saw a person in middle cabin. latter light North winds. Steering South. Landed the Pacabonts of Marion with 340 sperms Lat 33° 29' S Long 6° 30'

Tuesday 18th

This twenty four hours opens with light winds & heading from North to West Steering South at Sundown Steered by the wind heading to the W. Landed with the Pacabonts at Sundown saw on board middle & latter Steering by the wind heading from the N. to the S. At day light that I was on the Starboard took 100 fathoms of rope. At 10 ends with no wind in sight. Lat 33° 03' S Long 6° 28' W

Wednesday 19th

This twenty four hours commences with strong breeze from Westward heading to the North. Saw two sail at Sundown. Jibed the fore sail & flew jib. saw ship heading in to the S. Middle & latter Steering quite hard took up the port masts on the upper masts. heading to the W. day ends with increasing winds

At 10 ends Lat 33° 18' S Long 6° 11' W