

Bark Draco of New Bedford.

Monday, Dec. the 29th/52

Begins with moderate breezes from the S. heading N.E. finished hoisting, three sail. In sight, the Iron Barge Bark Sonia & one Merchant-Ship, the Van Bredges hoisting middle part-sail, latter part light air & below employed in repairing the stern boat. One sail in sight.

Saw three sail.

Lat. 25. 41. S
Long. 67. 50. W

Tuesday, Dec. the 30th/52

Begins with light breezes from the S.W. steering S.E. one sail in sight. Middle part by by. Under short sail latter part fresh breezes. Made sail steering S.E. & saw five hags. One sail in sight, employed in repairing the boat.

Barometer, 21.2 in.

Lat. 25. 04. S
Long. 68. 10. W

Wednesday, December 31st/52

Begins with strong breezes from S.E. heading S. under short sail. Employed in coopersing casks. Middle & latter part strong gales & raining.

No bar. Lat. by alt. 24. 10. S
Long. by alt. 68. 20. W

Thursday, Dec. the 1st/53

Begins with strong gales from S.E. & squally heading S. by E. at 11 winds S.E. veered ship to the S. Middle the same, latter part strong breezes from the S. heading S.E. all hands employed in stowing casks, cloudy weather.

No bar. Lat. by alt. 25. 00. S
Long. by alt. 68. 00. W

Saw one sail.

Friday, Dec. the 2nd/53

Begins with strong gales from the S. heading S.E. under short sail, at 2 finished stowing casks, one sail in sight. Middle the same, latter part veered to the N.E. & set the fore sail. Thick & cloudy weather, saw one sail steering to the N.W. by the gun of Joseph Perry 35 lbs. of shot on board at the date.

Cruising off Madagascar December, 1852.

Saturday Dec. the 6th/52

Begins with strong gales from the S.E. cloudy heading N.E. at sun set took in the fore sail. Middle part-rain, latter part thick & cloudy. No bar. Lat. 25. 40. S
Long. 46. 20. E

Sunday, Dec. the 5th/52

Begins with strong gales from S.E. & cloudy heading S. under short sail. At 4 heaved to the S.E. middle the same latter part strong breezes from the N.E. made sail heading S.E. saw five sail. Exchanged signals with the Ship Panama of New York, steering to the westward, the Van Bredges in sight.

Lat. 26. 52. S
Long. 47. 00. E

Saw five sail.

Monday, Dec. the 6th/52

Begins with strong breezes from the S.E. heading S.E. under close reefed top sail. Lower gill & spanker middle part heading S.E. under close reefed top sail & fore sail. Latter part moderate made sail heading N.E. strong S.W. current.

Lat. 26. 38. S
Long. 46. 25. E

Strong S.W. current

Tuesday, Dec. the 7th/52

Begins with fresh breezes from the N.E. heading N.E. at 4 tacked ship heading S.E. Middle part moderate breezes, latter part light breeze & variable.

Lat. 26. 43. S
Long. 47. 25. E

Saw three sail.

Wednesday, Dec. the 8th/52

Begins with light breezes from N.E. steering N.E. by E. Middle & latter part light air from the S.W. saw three sail. Spoke the ship.

Lat. 26. 15. S Long. 48. 10. E

Thursday, Dec. the 9th/52

Begins with light air from the S.W. steering N.E. Middle & latter part light air & squally, spoke the ship. Shipped one man from the gun of Joseph Perry 35 lbs. of shot on board at the date.

Lat. 25. 42. S Long. 48. 20. E