

Remarks on board Bark Albion

Saw Blackbird

Monday December 7th / 68
Commenced with the last end of a gale of wind at 4 AM commencing to wear sails. Sails were stowed from the 10 AM on different tack saw Blackbird going quick to the windward. Commenced to stand square-rigged at night. The ship's crew made standing three regular sea watches about 7.30 PM hoisted sail.

Tuesday December 8th / 68
Commenced with a moderate breeze from the S.W. Working to the S.W. at 4.5 AM made all sail at 8 AM thick & rainy at the boat in fore topsail at 12 noon. The main during the afternoon very pleasant overhead with strong wind made some sail.

Wednesday December 9th / 68
50 Meters from the Tarring little Duck
Commenced fresh all sail at 6 AM the wind about 11 AM. Carriage raised & stern wheel lowered two boats raised the topsail to come to & aboard boat struck & killed one, found line cut. That boat struck him again & brought him to the ship got him along side about 1.30 PM.

Thursday December 10th / 68
Commenced fresh calm all hands at daylight hooked on to rough tide in three lines during the day & then ran in up.

Friday December 11th / 68
Commenced fresh commenced to wear first getting the sail overhead about 1.30 PM the watches, rainy. The disagreeable cold & soon two boats were got here to day.

Saturday December 12th / 68
Strong from the S.W. employed for putting up junk. At 10.30 AM the watch blew & it started the work latter from a gale of wind but boiling

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Sunday December 13th / 68
Commenced with a gale of wind from the N.W. Employed boiling for part at 4 AM cooled down. Gale of wind all day at 12 Midnight commenced to boil again latter part more moderate.

Monday December 14th / 68
Commenced strong from the N.W. under short sail employed boiling all hands on deck hauling the blubber on deck and cutting it up latter part much like the fore part.

Tuesday December 15th / 68
Commenced moderate and rainy employed boiling. Saw a Park to day standing to the S.W. Middle & latter part wind from the S.W. steering N.W. at 12 light to the west.

Wednesday December 16th / 68
67 Meters from the Tarring little Duck
Commenced light & the wind at 1 AM finished boiling at 3.45 AM. Hoisted the topsail at 8 AM made land at 9.30 PM touched the land and went ashore to visit islands at 11 AM returned bringing several letters and one from for me from the ship No 2.

Thursday December 17th / 68
fine weather employed steering down at

Friday December 18th / 68
moderate breeze from the S.W. gamed with the Park Oriskany of Hobbs town. struck a small a piece of porpoise and lost him by letting the line.

Saturday December 19th / 68
fresh breeze from the S.W. middle part foggy latter part moderate & clear.

Sunday December 20th / 68
strong fresh & cool with fog from the S.W.

Saw a Park to day