

The mark on board Bark Albion

Monday December 21st / 68Commenced light from the Sd^d M^d all sail set
at 10 AM calm about ten miles from the land

52 Wks

Friday December 25th One year from home
from home. The last few days have been nice weather, with the
exception of rather a strong breeze, have seen no whales.
My Bark has been in sight a part of the time, my
few hours movements I have been writing to you
before the 21st letter I have sent to her since I left. I
I hope my mind has been employed to do in think-
ing of my life. What a prize I get when I received her
hand in marriage. No man has a more kind loving &
affectionate wife than I have. I may I say prove but to
my sacred vows. I have not the least doubt but what I
will. I am afraid the work beyond strength in order to help me, I feel

Saturday December 26th / 68Commenced moderate all sail set, wind from West
at 11 AM short land sail at 1 PM going to under a close
reefed main topsail. So after part light sail from the
the land bearing to the Sd^d M^d, one sail in sight.Sunday December 27thCommenced fresh at daylight made all sail middle part
calm. Land in sight. So after part fresh.Monday December 28thCommenced moderate from the Sd^d M^d, middle and
latter part strong from the Sd^d M^d, latter part
under short sail.Tuesday December 29th / 68Commenced strong from the Sd^d M^d for part latter
part from the Sd^d M^d, middle & latter part under
short sail, no land in sight to day.Wednesday December 30th / 68

53 Wks Commenced moderate from the Sd^d M^d heading to the
from the Sd^d M^d nothing in sight to day worthy worthy of
Dear Wife no tide 4503 & Sd^d M^d 17619 Writ

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Thursday December 31st / 68Strong breeze from the Sd^d M^d, or Sd^d M^d, nothing
worthy of notice to day, no land in sight.Friday January 1st / 69

Wish you all a Happy New Year

Commenced strong from the Sd^d M^d, middle part strong
to the Sd^d M^d, at 1 PM took in fore topsail, went up
to the land at 2 PM, saw one sail in sight.Saturday January 2nd / 69For part strong from the Sd^d M^d, the wind, middle &
latter part moderate, saw 3 or 4 ships to day
toward all four boats in the afternoon. I was the first
to the ship as some were going on, and I saw the other
instead of going to the windward of them and seeing
or I think there were the windward, I did not see
get on to I believe was struck but did not.Sunday January 3rd

Commenced fresh and calm one sail in sight.

Monday January 4thStrong from the Sd^d M^d, one sail in sight
called in the Sd^d M^d, at 9 AM took in fore
topsail & sent half of the watch below. I finished
at 12 PM to 1 PM, middle & latter part moderate
gale with some rain, no land in sight.Tuesday January 5th / 69Commenced moderate & continued so all
day from the Sd^d M^d, thick fog all sail set
at 3 PM took in the right sail.Wednesday January 6thFor part light & foggy at 11 AM, saw one at 12 PM, 3 PM
toward all four boats after 1 PM, latter part strong
from the Sd^d M^d, Land in sight.