

Ship Franklin in the South Atlantic

- 9th This day commences with fine weather Wind S.E. Ship steering S.S.W. Raised a Sail two points on the Starboard Bow standing Southward and Westward Raised Whales at Sunset but did not lower for them
- 10th This day commences with fine weather Wind S.E. Ship steering S.S.W. One Sail in sight Raised a Spout at Sunset
- 11th This day commences with fine weather Wind S.E. Ship steering S.S.W. Raised Breaches
- 12th This day commences with the N.E. trades Ship steering S.S.W. Lat 17° 59' S
- 13th This day commences with the N.E. trades Ship steering S.W. Raised a Sail standing S.W.
- 14th This day commences with the S.E. trades Ship steering S.S.W. nothing in sight
- 15th This day commences with the S.E. trades Ship steering S.S.W. Saw a Sail steering S.W.
- 16th This day commences with the S.E. trades Ship steering S.W. Two Sails in sight steering to the Southward
- 17th This day commences with the S.E. trades Ship steering S.W. Two Sails in sight standing to the Southward
- 18th This day commences with the S.E. trades Ship steering S.W. One Sail in sight
- 19th This day commences with light winds Ship steering S.W. Raised breaches on the leeward
- 20th This day commences with light winds Ship steering S.W. Saw a Sail standing to the Northward and Westward
- 21st This day commences with a strong breeze from the N.W. Ship steering close hauled on the Starboard tack. Capt. the Ship. S. George

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trying out a Boat crew went aboard with the Capt carried away the Starboard yard in the slings

- 22^d This day commences with squally weather Ship steering S.W. Where the blow was heard from the Masthead where away says the Capt. Two points on the lee Bow for how far of two miles for what do estimate like sperm Whales for the Capt goes aloft to make out what they are with the glass kept her at two fathoms the helm is put up and the Ship swings off stedy there stedy says the Officer at the deck hall aback the main yard says the Capt the weather braces are maned and the main top sail comes so the wind blows against the forward part the Yail counter the other Yails the next order is to get the boats read hoist and swing the Boats Where the blow on the lee beam about a mile abt lower away the Boats says the Capt back Boat hauler now calls his Boats crew the Boats are forward into the water the crew following them down the whales have sounded before the Boat touched the water Back steers to the head of his judgement to day the Capt's Boat close by when the whales made there appearance pull away my Boys pull hard and that whales is ours pull hard I tell you stand up. Says the Capt to the Boatster give it to him instantly two Harpoons are darted into him the Whale sounds and takes out all of the line the second plate got fast next but the line got a foul and he had to cut from the