

Journal on board

S.P.O. May 1872

Friday May 3^d

Light wind in the morning, but it kept increasing and with it of course our speed. until we shortened sail and that was nearly night and all signs of land have disappeared

Saturday May 4th

A strong breeze from the South and upon the whole, bad weather nothing in sight. course N by W

Sunday May 5

Good weather: clear and cold. still and lovely, nothing in sight

Monday May 6th

Rainy, windy, cold, and disagreeable nothing in sight. no course. wind with my writing reminds me of a piece I saw in a paper a short time since entitled "A Novel Condensed" It ran a long something like this. "a shady grove a moonlight night the lovers meet" &c &c &c etc etc etc

Tuesday May 7th

Throughout the twenty-four hours it was pleasant. course N by North nothing in sight. but at night we got what made us all smile for we had been without for since we came out of port. Tobacco

Wednesday May 8th

Rainy, and squally and in the afternoon we were under close-reefed main-top-sail and lookouts called down was on the Port tack

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Thursday May 9th

A gale of wind in the forenoon and some rain. in the afternoon the wind abated and lookouts were set up. good weather the remaining twenty-four hours

Friday May 10th

Squalls of rain and wind were frequent during this twenty-four hours. was under our usual sail. close-reefed main-top-sail nothing in sight

Saturday May 11th

Squally & Rainy

Sunday May 12th

Rain and squally throughout the day and night. all silent except the winds dismal howling through the rigging nothing seen to break the monotony

Monday May 13th

Quite pleasant for this place although I am unable to tell where it is I am ignorant as to the latitude of the place and my writing indicates ignorance in regard to other matters as well

Tuesday May 14

Good weather. as soon as it was light saw Juan Fernandez and before night Massafuera came in sight. shortened sail at night have carried it two days

Wednesday May 15

A strong breeze in the morning and afternoon shortened sail. Sulphur bottoms and land in sight. in the afternoon kept off. our course was then N. by W. two sails in sight