

Bound South

Saturday December 5th ~ ~ ~ 1868

This day S, East wind with passing clouds our Ship heading towards the S, West all sail set to the breeze. Ships still in sight, some bound to the South, and some East. See nothing of the fish kind but ship jacks, and flying fish. Employed putting on clothing, fair leaders &c in our ship. find our barque to be in the Latitude of $2^{\circ} 20'$ North Longitude $25^{\circ} 10'$ West.

Sunday 6th Brisk S, East wind heading towards the South West all sail set, little squally during the time, four ships in sight from mast head, saw quite a number of birds the day end good weather find our ship to be 00.28 North of the Equator.

Crossing the Equator
Monday 7th a good whet sail breeze from the S, East and a little squally, steering towards the S, West, the ship appear to have left us as we see none to day, the watch has been employed on the ship's rigging. Lat in $1^{\circ} 40'$ South Long in 28.15 west.
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th a fine breeze from S, S, East heading towards the S, West all sail set passed one ship painted white supposed to be French employed in tarring rigging, making boat sails &c our ship is in the Latitude $6^{\circ} 26'$ South Longitude in 31.44 west.

Don't put your watch under your pillow -
A man should never "sleep upon his watch."

Bound South towards the Cape of Good Hope

Thursday December 10th Friday 11th Saturday 12th 1868
and Sunday 13th

The past four days we have had good weather winds from E, S, East to East with passing clouds steering towards the South all sail set to the breeze. Have been employed in various jobs about the ship and are now getting our ship in very good order - we want to see some whales very much and try and take one as we have only about two gallons of oil on board to burn - to day Sunday we have struck and saved a porpoise - the first we have caught since we left home one ship in sight to the windward of us, find our ship to be in the Latitude of $11^{\circ} 37'$ South Longitude 30.09 West.

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th These two days good weather winds from E, S, East to N, East steering towards the South in Monday at 11 A.M. sighted the Island of Trinidad, two ships in sight at the time. This Island lies in the South Atlantic Ocean in the Latitude of 10.31° Lat 29.50 west. Have been employed in fitting up rigging, making rations, rigging &c. Saw porpoise, birds, dolphins and flying fish. Lat in 22.31° S - Long in 29.00 West.

Wednesday 16th Bright winds from the East, cloudy weather steering towards the South - saw four sails birds, and small fish - end good weather. Lat in 24.06 Long 28.40 W.

Thursday 17th Cloudy weather wind East steering South by East all sail set one sail in sight employed setting up our main rigging, making hammocks &c the day end cloudy wind light.

No Observation