

## Towards the Cape of Good Hope

Saturday December 26<sup>th</sup> 1868

This day N, East winds clear weather Steering S, E by S all sail set employed breaking out for water and meat. Saw quite a number of birds - among them we see the Albatross quite a large bird, saw five back whales, the day and a good breeze

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> This day cloudy weather wind N, E, East Steering S, East by South at 7 P.M. sighted the Island of Tristan, de, Cunha, passed a ship heading towards the E, S, East, at 5 P.M. were near what is called Manilla

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Land in sight Latitude in 36.42 S Longitude in 12.04 W  
Wind from North to N, W North rain blowing quite fresh part of the time double reefed our top sails. Courses steered from S, East to E by South. Saw many fin back whales, and birds, and wind shifting to the S, West and clearing up, air colder

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> This day cloudy weather wind from S, West to N, S, West steering E, S, East. Saw many fin back whales, and one trial of killers, the watch employed as usual, Lat in 37.56 S Longitude 2.3 West

Thursday, this day by Nauticall Almanac is the 31<sup>th</sup> of December, but we shall call it January 1<sup>st</sup>. 1869 as we are gaining time in our sailing towards the East and in sailing round the Globe shall gain 24 hours we do this to make our reckoning come out right the winds this day are from West to S, West, steering S, East by East N East, all sail set saw one fin back whale, and a sword fish the watch employed as usual, and by observation our ship to be in the Latitude of 37.3 S and in the Longitude of 7.19 East of Greenwich as we are ahead of Greenwich time, killed another of our pigs this morning and had some of him for dinner

## Steering toward the East Coast

Saturday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1869

This day wind shifted to the North and blew on to a gale with rain hauled all sail but a close reefed main topsail, fore sail, and fore topmast staysail course steered S, East by East - no lookout to day

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> the wind shifted from the North to N, W, West moderate, and cleared up, set sail again and steered toward the S, East, some squally with a heavy swell at 3 P.M. passed the English bark Helen of London she was steering toward the S, East - find our ship to day to be in the Latitude of 38.18 South

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Longitude in 9.29 East  
Winds from N, West to N, S, West blowing fresh and some squally - a heavy swell rising course steered S, East saw fin back whales, and many birds the watch employed as usual in ships duty Latitude in 38.02 South Longitude in 16.49 west

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> This day wind from S, West to S, East good weather all sail set our ship on opposite tacks the watch employed in ships duty the day and good weather wind hauling toward the North and Barometer falling - saw two sails and fin back whales, Latitude in 38.04 South Longitude in 18.30 East

our ship South of the Cape of Good Hope steering S, East by East