

February. Wednesday. 6th 1861

Came with fresh breeze and squalls from S.S.E. ship steering N.W. by N. with all sail out employed in ship duty one sail in sight steering the same course at three o'clock A.M. kept the N.W. at five o'clock A.M. raised the land of St. Helena bearing N.W. half W. at sundown shortened sail and huffed by the wind on the starboard tack heading E by N. Middle part of the ship the weather squally at one o'clock ship fell off to N.W. wore ship heading S.S.E. at daylight made sail latter part at seven o'clock kept off N.W. by W. about the same time raised land bearing W. about forty miles off employed in setting up the fore rigging. Seven sails in sight steering the same as we do and thus twenty four hours

Latitude 15° 45' S
Longitude by Chronometer 51° 34' W

February. Thursday. 7th 1861

Came with fresh breeze from S.S.E. ship steering various directions from N.W. by N to W.S.W. the island off St. Helena bearing from N.W. to S. at half past three o'clock A.M. Came up abreast of the harbor about seven miles from the land there are seven sails in sight on side steering the Westward and fourteen in side lying to Anchor one whole ship two American Merchant men the rest English Merchant men finished setting up the fore rigging about four o'clock A.M. at sundown shortened sail. Ship heading along by the wind N.W. Middle part of the ship wind rather bafflin the weather squally at daylight made sail the land in sight the ship on different tack off and on sea two Merchant ship going to the W and westward employed in rattling down the fore rigging so ends this twenty four hours

Latitude 16° 20' S
Longitude by Chronometer 52° 21' W

February. Friday. 8th 1861

Came with light breeze from S.S.E. the weather clear the ship with all sail out heading S.W. on the starboard tack employed in rattling down the fore rigging also sent in the old flying jib and Bent a new one and mended the old one at five o'clock A.M. finished rattling down one side Middle part of the ship from S.E. to ship under short sail on the same heading S.S.W. at daylight set main sail jib latter part a group o'clock wore ship strong breeze the same as in the first part ship heading E by N. employed in setting up the Mizzen and main rigging also rattled down the Mizzen rigging so ends this twenty four hours

Latitude 17° 01' S
Longitude by Chronometer 53° 18' W

February. Saturday. 9th 1861

Came with strong breeze from S.S.E. ship heading E by N under Double reef top sail Main sail and jib on the starboard tack employed in setting up the main rigging finished setting it up at four o'clock A.M. also finished one side of the Mizzen on sail in sight a schooner going on the opposite tack at sundown took in main sail and jib. Middle part Moderate breeze from the same at eleven o'clock wore ship heading E by N. and at three o'clock wore ship again heading S.S.W. at daylight set main sail and jib land in sight about forty miles distant latter part at seven o'clock wore ship heading E. employed in rattling down the main rigging one side and setting up the Mizzen so ends this twenty four hours

Latitude 16° 16' S
Longitude by Chronometer 53° 30' W

February. Sunday. 10th 1861

Came with strong breeze from S.E. by S ship heading E. under Double reef fore and Mizzen main top gaff and sail and flying jib employed in rattling down main and Mizzen rigging finished at four o'clock A.M. at half past one o'clock A.M. took in main top gaff and sail flying jib one sail in sight bound to the N and Westward the island bearing N.W. about twenty five miles distant at five o'clock wore ship heading S.W. by S at sundown shortened sail Middle part wind and weather the same heading S.S.W. through the night at half past six o'clock wore ship set main sail and jib land in sight bearing N. about forty miles distant about nine o'clock P.M. set whole main top sail and fore three Merchant ships in sight going before the wind so ends this 24 hours

Latitude 16° 21' S
Longitude by Chronometer 54° 20' W

February. Monday. 11th 1861

Came with strong breeze from S.S.E. heading E half N. under whole fore and main top sail main sail and jib land in sight also two sail at three came up squally wind rather bafflin at five o'clock A.M. wore ship heading S. at sundown shortened sail at eight o'clock wore ship heading from E by S to N.E. Middle part using the same as before squally two sails in sight a group of three latter part after seven o'clock P.M. made sail a strong breeze from the same half past seven o'clock P.M. wore ship heading S.E. by W. employed in rattling down the fore and main rigging and other small jobs land in sight bearing W. by N. about forty miles distant so ends this twenty four hours

Latitude 16° 04' S
No observation