

Thursday Jan^{ry} 9th 1840.

Commences with a strong breeze from the Westward continues so through the day double reefed the topsails & our boys look rather wild to see how high some of them will have to climb to take in sail some of the cannot get aloft because there is no trap door in the top room here

Friday Jan^{ry} 10th —

commences with strong breezes from the Westward and continues breezing through the day with heavy squalls and plenty of rain to add to the comforts of a sailor. watch employed in double reefing the fore and main topsails and furling the mizzen

Saturday Jan^{ry} 11th —

Commences with strong from the Westward and continues so through the day with squalls all hands employed in railing the ship considerable rugged which is bad for some of our braves.

Sunday Jan^{ry} 12th —

Commences with moderate variables now and then a squall with rain to cool us down weather grows more moderate all hands employed in looking for Coopers devil who wouldnt go a whaling where they have their salt pork and duff the worst of it is we cannot find any knives or forks to eat with

Monday Jan^{ry} 13th 1840 —

Commences with a strong breeze from the southwest ship fetched a heavy roll which rolled the larboard boat under which stove her stern commenced taking in sail in the morning took in the fore and mizzen topsails and foresail it still continuing to breeze untill afternoon when we took in the main topsail and hauled down the port top mast stay sail it not being weather worthy after which we lay to under mizzen stay sail only about 2 o'clock in the afternoon saw a brig bearing down for us under close reefed main topsail and foresail hoisted his Sat a long in the main rigging but she being so far astern we could not ascertain the figures. Shewed no colours supposed to be an englishman steering about East

Tuesday Jan^{ry} 14th —

Commences with light breezes from the N.E. toward breezes and continues breezing through the day and hauling to the southward with squalls of rain took the stoven boat on deck and put another one out saw a sail on our lee beam soon went out of sight again toward evening we were sanddoling under close reefed fore and main topsails and foresail it blowing a gale of wind so ends

Wednesday Jan^{ry} 15th —

Commences with strong breezes and continues so through the day have seen nothing of an oily substance as yet, live in hopes

Sat by obs 36° 45' N