

Remarks On Board The Ship *Houqua* 1836

Friday 22th Day of April

The first part of these 24 hours strong gails from the S.E. & Cloudy weather Ends with steady breezes & pleasant weather all sail & at harbour took aboard

Saturday 23th

The first part of these 24 hours light breezes from the South & fine weather later part the same the from the S.E. Sent down the fore royal mast saw a large breach Latitude $26^{\circ}32'$ Longitude at 2 P.M. By Lunar $35^{\circ}32'$ & By Chr $35^{\circ}50'$

Sunday 24th

All these 24 hours fresh breezes from the S.E. & fine weather saw several breaches supposed them to be grampases

Monday 25th

P.M. Commences with fine breezes from the South Clear & pleasant weather took in sail at sunset fired the fore & main topmasts at 9:30 & P.M. took a heavy squall from the South attended with heavy rain & sharp lightning took in the foresail middle part small breezes at 6 P.M. set P. sails & courses at 8 squally & showery In these 24 hours Ends with strong gails from the South & squally weather lightning to under Mast reef M. J. sail & spencers a sharp sea running headed to the Eastward Lat Obs 26-41 anchored the foresail to repair

Tuesday 26th

All these 24 hours strong gails from the South & squally weather under short sail later part employed in repairing the foresail Latitude Obs Longitude at 2 P.M. $36^{\circ}20'15''$ By Obs

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Wednesday 27th Day of April 1836

All these 24 hours strong gails from the South squally & rainy weather under short sail headed to the Eastward first part bent the foresail

Thursday 28th

P.M. Commences with strong gails from the S.E. & passing clouds later part more moderate at 6 P.M. set hole topmasts & the mainsail at 8 tooked ship & stood to the S.E. & ends these 24 hours with a steady breeze from the S.E. & fine weather & not a spout of a sperm whale to be seen

Friday 29th Day

All these 24 hours steady breezes from the S.E. Clear & pleasant weather at 11 P.M. lowered a scale of blackfish with no success so ends these 24 hours with all sail set steering to the South & west Latitude Obs $27^{\circ}51'$ South

Saturday 30th

All these 24 hours light winds from the Eastward Clear & pleasant weather steering to the Westward later part saw spouts about 8 miles off supposed them to be sperm whale the wind small & was not able to ascertain any more particulars about them so ends these 24 hours In Board the *Houqua* with as fine weather as ever man was to see as clear an air as ever I did see Lat Obs 28-41

Sunday 1st Day of May 1836

P.M. Commences with light breezes from the Eastward Clear & pleasant weather later part strong winds & pleasant weather from the S.E. Latitude Obs 29-45 Long at 2 P.M. $35-10$