

1856
Remarks On Board The Ship *Wreghua*

Monday 8th Day of August

The first & middle part of these 24 hours strong winds from the N.E. & good weather later part the wind hauled to the West cloudy weather with light rain steering S.E. by compass the watch employed in Sunday got 2 saw a number of finbacks No. Observation Longitude at 2 P.M. $48^{\circ}13'$ East

Tuesday 9th Day of August 1856

All these 24 hours strong gales from the S.W. & passing Clouds at 3 P.M. Double reefed T. Sails at 1 P.M. Took in Fore & Main T. Sails at 6. More moderate but then steering S.E. & S.E. by S. So ends these 24 hours on board the ship halcyon all the ships company enjoying good health & an duty except the man that cut himself. So, one year has past away since we left our dear native shore & friends. We are on our last Cruise that with her fine or six months out may god protect us with a successful Cruise then we shall cast our lofty sails to the heavenly gail of kind Neptune does favour us with a sweet & favourable gail all hands in good spirits now when our ship gallant ship is splitting the waves towards the glorious land of liberty where liberty reigns victory has gained & Beauty duels. Lat $31^{\circ}47'$

Wednesday 10th

The first part of these 24 hours strong winds from the S.W. & passing Clouds middle & later part the wind moderate & cloudy weather so ends these 24 hours with hale T. Sails & courses at heading S.E. A heavy swell on saw a number of finbacks Latitude $31^{\circ}53'$ Longitude at 2 P.M. $52^{\circ}45'16''$

Thursday 11th Longitude at 2 P.M. $54^{\circ}28'45''$

All these 24 hours the winds unsteady & cloudy weather the most of the time & some light rain at 8 P.M. the wind hauled in to the S.E. & these 24 hours ends with a fine breeze from the S.E. & clear pleasant weather at 4 P.M. lowered for blackfish caught three & struck 5 more the iron board & lanced one that went hauled $31^{\circ}56'$

From Madagascar Towards St. Pauls Island 1856

Friday 12th Day of August

All these 24 hours strong breezes from the S.E. & passing Clouds standing to the Eastward heading S.E. So ends these 24 hours the watch employed in Sunday got at 12 meridian took ship Latitude obs $31^{\circ}14'$ South Longitude at 2 P.M. $55^{\circ}07'45''$

Saturday 13th

P.M. Commenced with fine breezes from the S.E. & fine weather middle part later part light breezes & backing under all sail standing to the South & west starboard took aboard started the works & hauled out the blackfish Latitude $32^{\circ}13'$ South Longitude $56^{\circ}46'15''$

Sunday 14th Day

All these 24 hours light breezes & over casts of Clouds the first part the wind from the East later part from the North Course S.E. at 3 P.M. lowered all 4 boats & got 4 blackfish one to each boat later part saw a large hump back so ends these 24 hours with warm & moderate weather Lat $32^{\circ}42'$

Monday 15th

The first part of these 24 hours light breezes from the East later part from the N.E. & pleasant weather steering S.E. by compass so ends these 24 hours the watch employed in ships duty Latitude obs $33^{\circ}29'$ Longitude at 2 P.M. $56^{\circ}46'45''$

Tuesday 16th

The first part of these 24 hours the wind light from the N.E. & clear weather later part fresh breezes from the North & passing Clouds saw a good many finbacks Course S.E. Latitude obs $34^{\circ}48'$ Longitude $58^{\circ}48'50''$ East

Wednesday 17th

All these 24 hours strong winds from the North & passing Clouds steering S.E. under topsails & fore sail these 24 hours ends with strong winds & maky weather the watch employed in ships duty Latitude Longitude $61^{\circ}12'15''$ Melvin Stephens foot boat out & started to shading & had hard work to stop it & seen the Migness of the arer