

Remarks On Board The Ship Hongqua

Thursday 30th Day of March 1837

P.M. Commences with strong gails from the S.E. & thick & rainy weather At 4 P.M. the wind shifted to the S.W. & West & cleared up & light Bree. At 6 strong Breezes from the S.E. Doubly reefed topsails a ship in sight of our lead now steering the same course apparently At 8 blowing strong in squalls & some rain took in the M. Sail & G. At 9 blowing heavy took in S. & M. Topsails the wind falling to the westward by Dogmas At 11 the wind still increasing with budding & heavy flaws cloast reefed topsails & the M. & J. sail & took in the fores. these 24 hours ends with strong gails from the N.W. & passing claudes under cloast reef M. & J. sail for the Spencers S. & M. Sticksail & reef farsail heading to the N.E. At 4 A.M. saw a ship of our lead now Latitude By Obs 29° 32' North

Friday 31 Day of March

P.M. Commences with strong gails from the N.W. & passing claudes At 1 P.M. Sat cloast reefed S. & J. sail & reef mainsail At 3 the Mafedite Brig Coral of New York past At Coast our Bow & War enough to read her name she had a Deckload of lumber middle part more moderate turned out the reefs out of the Courses & out the topsails Ends with fine Breezes from the N.W. & some claudes all reefs out & M. & J. sails sat standing to the westward Latitude 29 long at

Saturday 1st Day of April

first part of these 24 hours fine Breezes from the N.W. & some claudes Middle part Calm later part a fine Breeze from S.E. & fine weather all sail sat to the West advantage. Steering S.W.

Latitude By Obs 29° 16'

From St. Helena Towards New Bedford

Sunday 2nd Day of April 1837

first part of these 24 hours strong winds from the S.E. & heavy weather At 9 P.M. strong winds squally weather attended with heavy rain & lightning Cleared up fore & mizzen topsails fild G. & mainsail & Cleared down the main topsail at 12 the wind light & flattering squally attended with rain & some lightning At 12 Cleared up & a fine Breeze from the N.W. Sat the topsails At 4 P.M. the wind halled to the North hooked ship sat the mainsail & G. heading up At 6 P.M. the weather clauday & strong & steady Breeze At 7 P.M. reefed At sail & stern hooked ship & stood for her at 8 spoke her which proved to be the Brig Gypsy of New York our intention was to get some provision his reply was that he had been supplied 4 Days previous to this himself & that he had nothing but Dried beans to eat before we were under his stern Down tacks & aft sheets & stood on to the westward again at 9 raised 2 more sail 1 ahead & the other 2 points of our weather Bow the former proved to be a Brig steering to the South the later a Schooner on the opposite tack the Brig I think we could speak her if we had made fore laid for her when we first saw her & without doubt got provisions from her she being outward bound but we made no attempt So ends these 24 hours on board the ship Hongqua with strong & War the winds our starboard tacks aboard with Courses & topsails sat our ship taking 600 strokes per hour our provisions short some are already out of bread & the rest are nearly out we have 14 lb of beef & 20 of 1 lb of flour & Beans enough for another 4 days hard is the fate of many Seamen 68 days

Latitude By Obs 30° 32' miles from New Bedford That ploughs the distant main for a livelihood but is not our first that we are so situated for we have had a long passage since we started for our native home. Oh may the wind soon prove fair and waft us to the arms in Love and perhaps we may procure something that may render life agreeable to us again although we have been for some time past under very disagreeable circumstances in regard of eatables eatables however I hope that all will be well yet.

Longitude 69° 19' Matthew E. P. Morgan