

Middle of the Pacific Ocean this day, But it shows the uncertainty of things. The day was noticed by all on Board, at ship's parade was put up under the command of Col Ross, with life and drum. And some of the soldiers in uniform. It executed a great deal of drill, Between 10 and 11 o'clock the ship's Bell was rung, and notice given to all on Board to assemble in the quarter Deck. While they did, Doct. Gunder of France made the prayer. The Declaration of Independence was read by the Capt of Lutesville Rock Island. And and oration was delivered by my self. As I had been invited a few days previous and accepted. I touched upon National matters together with our hopes and aspirations on leaving our homes, and our friends, for this distant country. The ceremony was finished by a national song called America. The day just off very pleasantly to all on Board -

Lat 2.28 Long 112.38

Monday 5, Wind the same, and the weather remaining pleasant we are getting along grandly. And we are anxious to arrive at the end of our journey - Lat 5.06 Long 112.32

Tuesday 6. Wind and weather the same. Only getting warmer. It makes the first run as I am a Whiting, its now 3 weeks since we took the San Est. Bader. We have made this week about 1000 miles. We have not seen any seals. But kept our trawls and Bays, a foggy night and day. Every time for sails - Lat 7.10 Long 112.34

Wednesday 7, Wind light from the same quarter. And a little shower. The day warm. The Boat Boys begin to trouble me below. which troubles me about sleeping -

Lat 8.41 Long 112.33

Thursday 8, The wind varying about at the Southward slightly and Rainy. About half past 5 o'clock in the afternoon a storm came up from

the meridian which lasted about two hours. And I never saw it rain harder in all my travels. It was five inches deep on Deck all the time - Lat 10.40 Long 113.04

Monday 9, Wind from West. Slightly with rain. And some muggy. Plenty of fishes around again the day - Lat 12.54 Long 113.33

Tuesday 10, Wind very light from the meridian. The day pleasant and warm -

Lat 14.30 Long 113.50

Wednesday 11, Wind and the weather the same.

Lat 15.06 Long 113.52

Thursday 12, Wind light almost a calm, the weather hot we are getting near to the Sun, which is in about 22 North, Aming towards us. The crew engaged in painting the outside of ship - Lat 15.31 Long 113.44

Friday 13, Wind breezed up from the West. It is about time we took the West Bader. The day pleasant and warm -

Lat 16.21 Long 114.39

Saturday 14, The Wind grows stronger from the West the weather pleasant and warm. The Surgeons all busy in making preparations to go into the Port of San Francisco -

Lat 17.30 Long 116.14

Sunday 15, Wind from the Northward and a little cooler. The day pleasant -

Lat 18.13 Long 118.01

Monday 16, Wind light from the West the day pleasant - Lat 18.58 Long 118.56

Tuesday 17, Wind from the same quarter. The weather thick and Rainy -

Lat 20.06 Long 121.12

Wednesday 18, Wind from the same quarter. The weather thick & squally. We are now in the Longitude of San Francisco -

Lat 21.16 Long 122.13

Thursday 19, Wind the same, and the weather unpleasant

Lat 23.06 Long 123.12