

Trustine Ground

FEBRUARY
18 Monday

Monday Dec 1st

This day commences with strong winds from the westward steering close to the wind under short sail. the watch at work jibbing around deck. at sunset it commenced blowing hard we then shortened sail and layed to so ends this day. in the morning broke out water and molasses

Tuesday Dec 2nd

This day it blows hard. the watch at work breaking out water and doing other small jobs in the afternoon in the afternoon it commenced blowing hard and we took in all sail but reefed main and mizen topsail and fore top mast stay sail. we then sent down the main royal yard and cleared every thing for a gale so ends this day with a gale of wind from the north west.

19 Tuesday

Wednesday Dec 2nd

This day commences with a gale from the north west laying to under short sail all hands idle. at sunset trimmed the sails and then set boats even watches. so ends this day.

Thursday Dec 4th

This day commences with light winds from the north steering different courses cruising. the watch at work hatching down &c. in the afternoon saw black skin but did not come to sunset took in sail and then set boats even watches. so ends this day. at seven o'clock saw a large school of fin backs.

Christmas

20 Wednesday

Friday Dec 2nd

This day commences with light winds. all hands at work steering down westward breaking out water. we then went to work & washing the ship fore and aft with lye and then water. then set boats even watches. at twelve o'clock at night took in the top gallant sails and flying jib and clew up the fore and mainsail and then hoisted main yard aback and layed to. so ends this day.

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21 Thursday

Saturday Dec 2nd

This day commences with light winds from the north west steering close to the wind cruising. the watch at work hatching the spars and breaking out the fore hold to find some hook heads &c. in the morning saw a large black skin off the lee beam. we kept off and squared the yards, but did not see it again and we soon kept to the wind again. in the afternoon tacked ship and stood to the northward. at sunset trimmed sheets and took in all sail but close reefed topsails and fore top mast stay sail. so ends this day.

22 Friday

Sunday Dec 2nd

This day commences with strong winds. in the morning struck the reef out of the top sails and set the fore and mainsail and the jib. all hands idle most of them read ing. at sunset set the main top gallant sail. so ends this day.

Monday Dec 2nd

This day commences with light winds from the westward steering close to the wind cruising. the watch at work breaking out between decks and the lower hold after. hooks and also broke out a new fore staysail and new fore top mast stay sail and also broad beam and fork. at sunset took in the fore and main sail. so ends this day.

23 Saturday

Tuesday Dec 2nd

This day commences with a good breeze from the north west steering close to the wind cruising. the watch at work breaking out the sail pen and bending the fore spencer and also mopping spungy in the weather raving. about sunset it commenced blowing hard and we took in the top gallant sails and flying jib and close reefed the top sails and took in the fore and mainsail and jib and set fore and main spencer. so ends this day.