

Dec. 15-1853

Gentle breezes from S. W. Beautiful clear weather. During the forenoon as far as the eye could reach the ocean seemed lined with pinbacks. Expect they have drummed together for a regular gain for I never saw them so plenty before. Made a large sail in the afternoon and at 6, the island of Tristan De Cunha bearing S. S. W. 50 miles Lat. $35^{\circ}47'$ Long. $11^{\circ}50'$

Dec 16.

No change in wind and weather. Spoke Bark Hope Capt. Wait of New Bedford 4 months out 175 bbls. Sp. She seems to have been rather more fortunate than ourselves and doubtless quite content to wait with the fond hope of renewed favours ere long. At 2 P. M. made sight of one of the Tristan islands bearing N. N. W. 40 miles and soon after spoke Bark Hathorn Capt. Allen taken nothing since we saw her last Lat $36^{\circ}48'$ Long —

Dec 17th

High winds and rainy. Sea under short sail. Standing off and not far from the island. Saw 3 sails in under the land look like whale no albat

Dec. 18. Sunday

More moderate light S. S. W. breezes and clear. Steering to westward towards the island. Employed in reading

Dec 19.

Wind and weather as last 24 hours under topsails. Afternoon repaired an old topsail. Have quite a number of old sails and this kind of work when we get dry weather occupies much of our time of late. Lat $36^{\circ}28'$ Long. $11^{\circ}45'$

Dec. 20

Fine weather and fresh winds from N. N. W. but quite cool. In afternoon spoke ship Kingfisher Capt. Palmer New Bedford 3 months out. Clear. Gained a short time saw no one I knew but got some books and papers

Dec. 23

The 2 last days have been fraught with gales of wind from N. W. and disagreeable chilly weather and during the time our Bark has been continually on the roll in an ugly sea and we found it quite difficult to keep things right side up with care. 2 or 3 bbls that happened to be on deck performed an entire revolution though on the head and nearly full of slush. To day some