

Dec. 4th 1855

Still rugged. Took in to night
fly jib and No. 3. gallant sail Lat $15^{\circ}20'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}40'$

Dec 5.

Towards night moderating set of G. sails
fly jib and gaff of sail steering E by N.
Just at night made a sail on our weather
bow Lat $15^{\circ}13'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}43'$

Dec 6

No change Lat $16^{\circ}40'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}15'$

Dec. 7.

Cloudy and light breeze from
S. E. by E. Are trying to make St. Helena
Shall have to beat for it if this wind holds
Lat $15^{\circ}32'$ Lon. $9^{\circ}30'$

Dec. 8.

Wind from the E. Course S. E. by
S. weather change Lat $15^{\circ}25'$ Lon. $9^{\circ}19'$

Dec. 9 Sunday

Commencing with light breeze
Clear and pleasant Towards noon increasing
Afternoon light again from same quarter
Course about S. by E. Lat $16^{\circ}41'$ Lon. $8^{\circ}45'$

Dec 10.

Last night wind changed to S. E.
and made our course E. N. E. Lat $17^{\circ}20'$ Lon. $8^{\circ}21'$

Dec 11.

First part strong winds from same
quarter and thick cloudy. Latter light
from E. N. E. Made 2 tacks wonder
if we ever fetch St Helena where we intended
to get water? Lat $16^{\circ}09'$ Lon. $7^{\circ}26'$

Dec 12.

Light winds and pleasant Made
St Helena this morning and tonight bears
E. S. E. 80 miles.

Dec 13.

Still beating up with light winds
from S. E. To night ^{land} bears E. S. E. about
30 miles Saw several sails probably from
the island.

Dec 14.

With much beating have at length
reached St Helena Anchored at 1 P.M.
and Capt has been on shore making
arrangements for taking water and soon after
a tank came alongside and filled our
casks about 26 of them. We shall probably
be off tomorrow so as to reach cruising
ground without losing much time.

There are several Dutch and English
vessels lying here and some of them are
now weighing for sea The mate has
gone on shore this evening and will be off
with the Capt at 9. It is very pleasant.