

Dec 15th 1855-

Pleasant and still times here.
 Second mate went on shore this forenoon.
 This afternoon the first mate and myself
 went. Saw nothing new and interesting.
 Stayed but a short time. Having cleared
 at Customs took our anchor and made
 sail, and are now close hauled on the
 starboard tack wind about S. E.

Dec 16 Sunday

Fair and wind steady. St Helena
 out of sight Lat $14^{\circ}56'$ Lon $8^{\circ}12'$

Dec. 17

No Change Lat $14^{\circ}24'$ Lon $3^{\circ}34'$

Dec. 18

Continued. Have been engaged in
 painting our spare boat and intend to
 put it on the cranes in place of S. boat
 which from some cause or other pulls badly
 enough Lat $12^{\circ}12'$ Lon $1^{\circ}37'$

Dec 19.

Latter part very light airs and
 heading about E. Plenty of porpoises seen
 but got none Lat $11^{\circ}00'$ Lon $0^{\circ}02'$ E.

Dec 20.

No change Launched our boat and
 put her on the cranes. She looks quite pretty

has a red water line and black border
 with blue between and a white bottom
 Lat $10^{\circ}10'$ Lon $0^{\circ}45'$ E.

Dec. 21

Slight breeze from S. S. W. Course
 S. E. Lat $10^{\circ}05'$ Lon $1^{\circ}35'$ E.

Dec. 22

No Change Painting other boats
 white and black Lat $9^{\circ}53'$ Lon $3^{\circ}00'$

Dec. 23 Sunday

A pleasant Sabbath with very light
 airs nothing of account seen. Shall probably
 cruise not far from here on the coast
 Lat $19^{\circ}19'$ Lon $4^{\circ}10'$

Dec 24

About the same Lat $9^{\circ}12'$ Lon $5^{\circ}00'$

Dec 25-

A pleasant Christmas once more
 and very likely the last one I shall record
 at sea. Makes very little difference with
 us now what the day is for we have been
 out so long that we are deprived of all the
 little extras that once served to mark
 the observance. Though I trust we have
 not all forgotten the respect due to such
 a day. Meals as usual no pigs no fowls
 no fresh of any kind good meat and bread
 we have got and trust it will last at home