Ship Sarah at the Tristan Island March 1847

Saturday March the 6 th Commences with strong wind
From W. and A large sea Course S&E with all prudent
Sail at 1 Pm A strong squall from the Westward tookin sail as
Required at 3 Pm came too to the Westward at 5 Pm
Rigged up & Moored mid sail at 7 P.M. Bried
Sail at 8 Pm Bried the Island of Tristan Acha
A bearing E & S E 25 miles at noon west of
Inaccessible Island 10 miles Sounded Lat 37° 6' 23" 17 West

Sunday March the 7 th
These 24 hours begins with fresh breezes from South and
Variable weather Ship standing in for Tristan at 4 Pm the
Capt went on shoar at 4 the wind hauled to the N&W
at 5 Pm we were near enough to see the Houses on shore
At 7 the Capt came on board hadnot obtained anything it being
To near night we lay off and on during the night under dou
ble reefed topsails at 8 Pm the Center of the Island bear S b
Dist 7 miles at 4 Am bear down again for the Island and got
All ready to gawin with 2 boats at 8 the weather looked to Bad
To land we hauled of shoar and tookin sum sail there being
Every appearance of A gail at 9 A strong squall from N&W
We tookin the fore and mizzen topsails the remainder of
The day plenty rain and thunder so mdz the South point
Of the Island bearing S by E 12 miles no obtain

Monday March the 8 th Commences with fresh breezes from
N W and plenty rain ships head off shore N by W under
double reefed maintopsail and forsail at 3 Pm bore Ship
To the Westward and set the foretopsail 4 5 & 6 mondrak bray
Fair weather for the latitude at 7 Pm bore to the N&E
Distance 8 miles bearing per Compass S W middle part by
Wind on the land with strong breezes and squall under easy sail
At daylight land dist 8 miles we stood in for the town in hopes to land
But we codnot fetch near enough to tritt at 9 A.M. stood of and
Made all prudent sail at 11 it commenced blowing hard from S W
Double reefed the topsails and found it impossible to get
With the Land at 11 30 gail increasing we kept of E by S
For the Captain thought it unsafe to try anylonger to get an
thing from the Island at Meridian saw A ship standing
In for the Land but he codnot fetch and kept up to the
Eastward so ends. Land dist 10 miles Lat obsn 36° 55 South
Long by the log 12° 55 West

We found by repeated Altitudes ~~We find~~ that our Chronometer
Was to slow for the Greenwitch time 3 minutes and then also

Towards The Cape of Good Hope S. W. Bowman Master

Tuesday March the 9 th Commences with strong gail from
S W and A large sea we steering E S E under double reefed topsail
And courses at 1 Pm signalized and passed an English Ship steering
To the Eastward at 3 Pm tookin the long boat and put her on head and
Hoisted the Waist boat up at 6 Pm more moderate but not so dark
So make very more sail with parte light breezes from South and
Overcast At 6 Am the wind hauled again to the S W we steered S&E
At 9 it hauled to the South again we steered by the wind and headed
E S E; latter parte wind from S S ships head E by S with all sail on
Watch imployed reeving new topsail Braces the English ship to
The S E so ends Lat obsn 36° 40 South
Long per Chro 9° 51 West

Wednesday March 10 th
All these 24 hours Strong wind from S E and overcast ships close
Hauled hedding E N E & N E by E as the wind vary at times A little we
Carried at first the first parte at 9 P.M. double reefed the
Fore and mizen topsails thermometer standing at 69° Barometer at
30° 03 hundreds we found by Course and distance run that there is A
Current setting up to the Northward at the rate of 1 1/4 of A mile
An hour so ends A porpoise Lat obsn 35° 03 South
Long per Chro 8° 17 West

Thursday March 11 th
First parte strong wind from E S E and passing clouds we
Stood to the N E under double reefed topsails & courses
At 12 Am the wind hauled to the Eastward Tacked ship
And hedding S E at 4 Am out reefs latter parte wind E by N
Ships head S E by E we finished repairing on the main topsail
And put it below not anything in sight so ends
Lat obsn 34° 52" South
Long Chro 7° 53" West

Friday March 12 th 1847
Commences with Brisk breezes from East and overcast ships
Head S E under the topsails and Courses wind hauling A
Little to the Northward with an occasional showers of light
Rain middle parte squally reefed the topsails ships head S by E
Parte fresh breezes main sail ships head S E by S so mdz with
Rain A Mr John Sick of duty Lat by DR 36° 18' South
Long 7° 42 West

Saturday March 13 1847
Commences with fresh breezes from E by N and overcast ships
Head S E by S with all sail 4 5 & 6 squally hazy weather
Middle parte double reefed the topsails latter parte by it hazy
Wd plenty rain main sail ship head E S E wind from
N E by N saw plenty porpoises but nothing like whales so ends
Lat obsn 36° 42 South
Long by Chro 4° 58 West

Thermometer standing at 67°
Barometer at 30°