

Cruising off the South Coast of Africa.
1844

Thursday Dec 15th 44

Begins with a strong gale from N. with a heavy sea ship heading W. S. W. and last part fine weather employed hailing and cooping oil nothing in sight Mike still off duty

Lat by obs 39° 41' S

Long Chron 23° 17' E

Friday Dec 16th

Begins with a strong wind from N. W. with a rugged sea ship heading W. S. W. with short sail busy at the works saw a ship steering S. E. middle part a gale from the westward had to stop hailing latter part more moderate started the works again exchanged signal with an English ship saw five backs Mike still off duty

Lat by obs 38° 20' S

Long Chron 22° 38' E

Saturday Dec 17th

Begins with a moderate wind from W. heading S. W. employed hailing middle part heading N. W. S. W. last part employed stowing oil and hailing one sail in sight Mike still off duty so ends this day

Lat by obs 38° 35' S

Long Chron 23° 11' E

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Sunday Dec 18th

Begins with light airs from the westward employed stowing down oil finished hailing at 6 P. M. finished stowing all of the odd oil two sails in sight middle part set sail stand to S. W. last part saw nothing but one sail Mike still off

Lat by obs 39° 08' S

Long Chron 23° 15' E

Monday Dec 19th

Begins with a light wind from S. W. ship steering S. W. saw two whales going quick to windward did not lean at 3 P. M. hauled three boats got nothing the boats returned shortened sail for the night last part moderate with some rain wind N. W. ship heading W. spoke the ship Gladstone of Bridgewater so ends Mike still off

Lat by obs 38° 28' S

Long Chron 22° 24' E

Tuesday Dec 20th

Begins with a strong wind from the northward with rugged weather stowing 3 under short sail busy stowing down oil middle part cloudy at 5 P. M. finished stowing middle and last part strong wind with a rugged sea at 6 A. M. saw a whale board three boats struck and sunk him so ends this day Mike still off duty

Lat by obs 38° 30' S

Long Chron 22° 27' E