

Cruising off the South Coast of Africa,

1864

Wednesday Dec 21st

Begins with a fresh wind from the West steering S. saw a right whale land the boats without success saw more whales but too late to land middle part light last part calm nothing in sight Mike repairing a boat Mike still off duty

Lat. by obs. 38° 30' S

Long. Chron 22° 37' E

Thursday Dec 22nd

Begins with a light breeze from the Eastward steering to the S. with all sail set at 7:30 AM. Shortened sail for the night at day light set prudent sail thick looking weather from ESE at 4 AM more ship to NE with a fresh gale with thunder and rain took in all sail but double reefed main top and fore sail nothing in sight

Lat by det 38° 34' S

Long. do. 21° 35' E

Friday Dec 23rd

Begins with a strong gale from ESE with at 2 PM more moderate and pleasant steerd S. saw a Bank steering ESE by Compass middle and last part a gale from SW with a very hard sea ship head to NW with storm sails set saw a ship steering ESE at 4 PM more moderate set the fore and main reef out of the main top sail Mike still off duty with his eye

Lat. by obs. 37° 53' S

Long. Chron 22° 07' E

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Saturday Dec 24th

Begins with a fresh breeze from SW with rugged weather ship steering SSE with prudent sail 1st middle part moderate from ESE last part light and pleasant steered SSW with all sail set saw five backs and other trash Mike still off duty with his eye

Lat. by obs. 38° 10' S

Long. Chron 22° 39' E

Sunday Dec 25th

Begins with a moderate breeze from NE with pleasant weather ship steering by Compass SSW by S with all sail set last part a fresh breeze from W and pleasant day a ship steering ESE nothing more in sight Mike still off

Lat. by obs. 38° 50' S

Long. Chron 22° 54' E

Monday Dec 26th

Begins with a strong wind from west ship head different ways looking for whales saw more middle part ship under short sail last part a fine breeze from ESE ship by the wind I saw black fish board the boats got three one sail in sight

Lat. by obs. 38° 37' S

Long. Chron 22° 52' E