

Bark Java Crossing the Indian Ocean

1864

Tuesday Dec 27th

Begins with a moderate breeze from N.W. with pleasant weather ship steering S.E. by S. by compass three ships in company. Part spoke ship Yarra Yarra of Melbourne seventy days from New York. At ends this day hailing out the Blackfish Mike off duty.

Lat. by Obs. 39° 04' S

Long. Chron 24° 52' E

Wednesday Dec 28th

Begins with a moderate breeze from N.W. with pleasant weather ship steering S.E. with all sail set three ships steering in company. Middle part the same East part wind at the hands employed cleaning hose and other jobs Mike still off duty.

Lat by Obs 39° 48' S

Long. Chron 26° 44' E

Thursday Dec 29th

This day a fresh breeze from N.E. with the day weather ship with all sail set steering by compass S.E. by S. saw plenty of pinbacks and kept the hands employed at various jobs Mike still off duty.

Lat. by Obs 40° 35' S

Long. Chron 30° 25' E

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Friday Dec 30th

Begins with a moderate breeze from from N.W. with rainey weather middle part wind S.E. ship head S.E. at 4 P.M. tacked to S.S.W. with all sail set at 10 the wind S.E. Steered S.E. by E saw pinbacks Mike still off duty.

Lat. by Obs 41° 04' S

Long. Chron 32° 28' E

Saturday Dec 31st

Begins with a fresh breeze from N.E. with thick rainey weather and some thunder ship steering S.E. by S. by compass with all sail set making in light Mike still off and the after off duty Dick.

Lat. by Obs 41° 30' S

Long. Chron 35° 30' E

Sunday Jan 1st

This day fresh breeze from N.E. with thick rainey weather and thunder and lightning ship with all sail set at 4 P.M. took in the light sails took two reefs in the fore top sail at day light set the main top gallant sail. At ends this day very stormy weather Mike off duty.

Lat by Act 42° 00' S

Long. Chron 39° 00' E