

Cruising off the Cape de Noche Banks May 1869.

Tuesday June 1st

Equally wind from SE on the starboard tack, under
Auntie's reefed topsails. Bow and reef tacks fall
to the lee and maintop sail, also new foretopmast
stay sail, halibut, and lashed the topmast stretching
sail down to the side of the foremast

Lat 10° 20' S Long 57° 57' E.

Wednesday June 2nd

Rainy, wind strong from SE, steering full and by
the wind on the banks most all night and this morning
Engaged at setting up the mizzen topmast and
topgallant backstay.

Lat 10° 15' S Long 61° 00' E.

Thursday June 3rd

Fair, wind strong from SE, have been on the banks
all day. Landed a boat at 3:30 P.M. went on
fishing but was not successful, launched again at
11 o'clock and stayed until 2 P.M. and caught
a large quantity. Also engaged in air pulling
ricks

Lat 9° 10' S Long 50° 21' E.

Friday June 4th

Fair, wind strong from SE. Have been on the
banks all the forenoon. Engaged at various jobs

Lat 9° 20' S Long 60° 12' E.

Saturday June 5th

Fair, wind strong from SE. Engaged at breaking
cut water this forenoon, and scrubbing ship this
afternoon. At 5 P.M. made all sail and put
her off for Cook Island. Course N.N.W.

Lat 10° 35' S Long 59° 00' E.

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Sunday June 6th

Fair, wind moderate from SE, course N.N.W. Mr
Gifford sick off duty. I am to take his place
until he gets well.

Lat 8° 00' S Long 57° 50' E.

Monday June 7th

Fair, wind moderate from SE, course N.N.W. N.W.
and N by W. Engaged in sending down the foretop-
gallant sail and yards, spatted the sail and stowed
with manila yarn, also finished the yards with
several coils and some of wood and iron hoops,
crossed it this afternoon.

Lat 6° 00' S Long 56° 03' E.

Tuesday June 8th

Fair, wind moderate from SE this forenoon and afternoon
steering N by E and N.N.E. At 4 P.M. came up
equally wind backing from E. Engaged at setting a
new foretopgallant runner. Have been on the banks
since 1 P.M., St. Helena low SE at 6 P.M. 15 miles
distant

Wednesday June 9th

Cloudy, wind strong from S.E. Raised Bird Isd.
at 9 A.M. Landed the starboard boat at 10 A.M.
and carried Mr Gifford and the carpenter ashore
and left them there, sick with the scurvy, all
hands here get symptoms of it. They get about
half a pound of birds eggs yesterday. There were
two ashore in sight yesterday Bird Isd. low
9 P.M. sunset