

Wednesday Jan 26th 1870.

Fair, wind moderate from S.E. Course N.W. by W. Engaged at various jobs working in the rigging and painting iron work 5.20 P.M. A school of sperm whales seen the first seen going about W. by N. Dashed for them but did not see them out of the boat it being dark both in the light sails standing to E.

Lat 16.30 S Long 5.27 E.

Thursday Jan 27th

Fair, wind light from S.E. have been on a zig zag course trying to catch these whales that were seen yesterday. Engaged at hauling the rope of the rigging. Lifted and fast rope exchanged tonight with the bark Golden Breeze of London and differed 30 miles from us. Saw some finbacks this afternoon. St Helena in sight this evening from masthead bearing N.W. by N.

Lat 16.20 S Long 5.28 E.

Friday Jan 28th

Fair, wind light from S.E. cruising under whole topsail making full eye. Engaged at painting. Saw the sail all round the St Helena it being in sight most all day.

Lat 16.30 S Long 5.17 E.

Saturday Jan 29th

Fair, wind light from S.E. in the wind cruising. Engaged at hauling down all the fore and aft stay head and mizzen rigging. Saw two sails bound N.W.

Lat 16.12 S Long 5.00 E.

Sunday 30th 1870

Fair, wind light from S.E. Steering full and by St Helena in sight this morning from masthead bearing N.W. by W.

Lat 15.50 S Long 5.00 E.

Monday Jan 31st

Fair, wind light from S.E. have been steering N.W. most all day under whole topsail, hauled on the wind at 2 P.M. Engaged at smoothing down the rigging yards painting and fitting the foot rope and lifts. St. Helena in sight bearing N.W. 25 miles. Lat 16.16 S Long 5.39 E.

Tuesday Feb 1st

Fair, wind light from S.E. cruising under whole topsail. Engaged at painting the heads of the masts and cross-tees. Finished hauling down yesterday. Saw one sail bound N.W. St Helena in sight bearing N.W. 25 miles at sunset.

Lat 16.03 S Long 5.27 E.

Wednesday Feb 2nd

Fair, wind light from S.E. Engaged at heaving out main hatch and steering back this A.M. scrubbing paintwork with sand and water. St. Helena bore N.W. 18 miles.

Thursday Feb 3rd

Fair, wind light from S.E. Engaged at heaving out main hatch and steering back this A.M. St. Helena bore in sight N.W. 25 miles.