

On Board Ship Leonidas

1838 Preying in Cape of Good Hope

Friday 9th of March this Day Commences with light & baffling March airs & Calms Middle part light North west winds & pleasant weather later part Calm said Ship Neptune Newlandon Barque Lason D. Arrived Ship George of Newlandon So Ends all hands on board

Saturday 10th this Day Commences with Calm & clear weather Middle part light breeze from S.W. & some Clouds at 7 A.M. made sail & made anchor with a light North wind made one stretch across the bay tacked Ship & weathered away green point at 12 Meridian green point bar about East by Compass Dist 6 miles by Estimation about the chains showed them away below & secured the Anchors on the rails So Ends this day including 12 hours Sivil account

Sunday 11th first part light breezes from S.W. to N.W. Cloud with some rain at 4 the wind shifted to West stretch in hand to the land at 5.30 tacked Ship wind vary light & a heavy ground swell from S.W. Middle part wind light with passing clouds at 8 A.M. tacked Ship at 10 raised the land table Mountain bearing S.E. by E. at 11 tacked off heading up west lively breeze & pleasant weather So Ends these 24 hours on board Ship Leonidas all hands well we have been 12 miles Latitude 34° 40' N. arrived in 18 hours. at strong current

Monday 12th All these 24 hours lively breezes from South to S.W. & fine weather all sail set to good advantage standing to the West at 6 A.M. saw a ship of the line low Latitude 34° 29' N. Longitude at 3 P.M. 16° 29' E

From Cape of Good Hope Towards Indian Ocean

Tuesday 13th of March 1838

All these 24 hours lively breezes from South to S.W. fluky & pleasant weather at 1 P.M. spoke Ship Neptune Barque Jason in sight to leeward at 8 tacked Ship to the SE at 1.30 A.M. tacked to the West at 10 tacked to the SE So Ends these 24 hours Latitude 34° 40' N. Longitude at 2 P.M. Meridian 15° 50' E

Wednesday 14th first & middle part of these 24 hours lively breeze from South & fine weather later part light breezes from S.W. & pleasant & sail in sight at stern barboard tacks aboard all these 24 hours Latitude by Obs 35° 35' S Long at 5 P.M. Meridian 14° 45' E

Thursday 15th first part Calm Middle part light breezes from S.W. tacked Ship to S.W. later part lively breezes from West & pleasant weather Course S.W. all sail set to good advantage barque Jason & Ship in sight of our lee watch employed in Sunday got of Ships duty Latitude 36° 29' South Long at 5 P.M. 16° 09' E

Friday 16th P.M. Commences with a squall from S.W. attended with some rain closed down topsails & Double reef Stood the gib at 4 Closest reef F. M. S. sails All these 24 hours strong gails from S.W. to S.W. by E. with overcasts & passing clouds Carrying Closest reef F. M. S. sails Double reef Main Courses F. M. Stairsail & Closest Mizen starboard tacks aboard the wind fluky & a bad sea running at 6 A.M. saw a ship of the line low S. tacks aboard at 9 Closest reef M. S. sail Latitude 38° 53' N. Longitude at 2 P.M. Meridian 17° 45' E. all Dream

Saturday 17th first & middle part of these 24 hours strong S.W. gails & passing clouds at 3 P.M. tacked Ship reef M. sail at 5 reef F. sail saw Barque Jason standing to S.W. later part more moderate turned reefs out Courses & one out 2 sails set gib So Ends fine weather & a rough sea on watch employed in Ships duty Latitude 36° 50' N. Long at 4 P.M. Meridian 16° 35' E