

Ship Leonidas of Fairhaven

Friday 8 of March 1839

First part of these 24 hours lively breezes from SE passing clouds middle & later fresh & cloudy with some rain later wind shifted & shifted till 6 P.M. then hauled up North all sail set

Latitude 35° 29'

Long at 3 30 P.M. 1839

Saturday 9

Commenced with fine breeze from East flying clouds at 3 P.M. made the Land Cape. Strongly bearing NE by E. at 5:30 made Cape Good Hope or the Highland bearing NE by E. Steered North until we made the land then hauled up NE by E. at 4 P.M. at 9 Smart breeze from North double reef tacked off & on all night later wind NW at 11 Saw the Cape to Ends Cape 34° 24' Strong breeze & some squally. Latitude by the Chronometer 34 miles to the East Long at 3 P.M. 18° 45' by good observations (To at 3 P.M. 18°)

Sunday 10

First part strong breezes from NW passing clouds at 3 P.M. tacked ship Cape bearing NW by W distance 9 miles by estimation at 5 tacked in again at 6:30 tacked off Cape bearing North Dist 6 miles below Rock at Dist 3 miles saw the ship came out of Simon's Bay fast to windward working to the westward at 8 saw the ship to windward running down before the wind at sunset shortened sail headed of shore the remainder part of these 24 hours winds from NW to NE with a number of heavy squalls attended with heavy rain at 11 American table mountain bore SE by E Dist 12 miles by estimation

Monday 11

Commenced with a heavy squall from NW & heavy rain at 2 Strong breeze from NW & fair timed the sails Steered a table mountain bearing NE at 3 nearly calm more ship headed of shore sent chains middle & later parts fine breezes from NW & fair working to windward but dam slow at 4 P.M. A steamer past us bound in to table Bay but we saw Devils are named

Leighing at Anchor in Table Bay

Tuesday 12 of March 1839

First part light breezes from NE at 4 calm middle small breezes from SSW to SSE weather fine laughing at anchor back at 3 P.M. made all sail kept of for the light at 4:30 fresh breezes from SSE took in T.G. sails at 9 Came to anchor in Table Bay with our best bower anchor which made every part cheer with 4 smile after being at sea nearly seven months living on salt junk & bread our bread is scarce about 5 lbs on board now the harbor master boards us & gives us orders to hoist our ensign at the main to give free admittance for any boat to come along side or to have spiled sails sent down T.G. yards now at table boards with fresh beef potatoes & onions & the same boats they draw along side with grapes pears tobacco cigars & various other articles we fill ourselves with fruit smoke good sugar & after all we eat a hearty dinner of beef stake potatoes fried onions & salt stock to ends these 24 hours all full below & a sugar in the hatch way well on fire again our Captain has been afflicted every steamer for 10 days past with the Rheumatism the last of these 24 hours strong SSE gails & flying clouds table mountain covered with clouds at 4 P.M. lit the second anchor & paid out to the water end of the best bower & clincht the end to the mainmast to ends

Wednesday 13

all this day strong gails from SSE & clear Starboard watch at shore on liberty

Thursday 14

First part strong gails from SE & clear middle more moderate later light & calm Starboard watch at shore on liberty took in 74 lbs of water long side in lighters