

Ship Leonidas towards South

Thursday December 12th 1839

First part Strong SSE winds & cloudy
At 6 o'clock reefed F & M. Sails full gill
& blowing on full M. sail & reefed M. sail
At 9 heavy gusts & wild looking weather
took in F & M. Sails & reefed F Course
At 12 Middle part More moderate so
F. S. sail turned out and main at 2
hard gales from SW & very wild squall
weather & all most constant lightning
from SW at 3-30 heavy gusts & reefed
M. S. sail from 4 to 6 heavy rain the build
& hauled to WNW at 7 fine breeze & pleasure
turned out all reefs at 8 set M. S. J. sail
At barque ship at 9 quarter steering E
Barometer 29.9-8-4-7-10 Latitude 38-1

Friday Decem 13

Long at 3 PM 47-1

My watch - 46-2

First part light SW winds with light
rain middle frequent squalls attended
with rain at 1 PM hard squall from SW
with heavy rain & lightning double reef
later strong breezes from SW & under
double reefs so ends there 24 hours on
board good ship Leonidas all hands well
& do well except the Cook & he is mixed
as to performing his duty watch Employ
in ships duty Latitude 38-1
Barometer 29.9-8-4-7-10 Long at 2 PM 44-4
Variation 1 1/2 L.W. My watch 43-3

Saturday 14

Commences with fresh breezes from
Barometer NW & fair at 7 wind light at 8 Calm
at 3 PM 24-4 at 9 A breeze sprung up from SSE wor
at 7 PM ship to the east set M. S. G. sail at 2 PM
at 9 PM & strong breezes redust F sails by 10 PM
at 12 noon reef at 3 hard squalls & rain took in gill
at 1-10 & M. sail at 5 blowing hard & heavy rain
O reefed F sails at 9 A heavy squall blew up
F & M. S. sail the rain poured in torrents
At 10 Cleared mind
Long gales & squalls