

Ship Leonidas

Monday 17 February 1840

All these 24 hours small breezes from NE to NW Clear & very pleasant weather & warm all sail set to the best advantage at 11 AM spoke the British Barque Wallace 60 days from London for Horn Bay later 3 sail in sight Latitude 29° 57'

Tuesday 18

All these 24 hours light winds from North to NW fine & pleasant weather All sail set to the best Advantage watch employed in fitting pluckropes hoisting pennants making out & making some new arrangements betwendecks &c Our ship slips along at her ease over the blue seas as tho she was able to perform her task on the long voyage I blow sweet & heavenly breezes & speed us along where the sperm whales do roam O may the god of heaven & who holds the sea & all there in & an at his Command guide us to a fertile spot of the Ocean wher we may be successful to our satisfaction & preserve us through all dangers & safely guide us to our shores & dear Companions & friends Course SE Latitude 30° 50'

Wednesday 19

First part light NW winds & pleasant weather Middle finely later strong & rough sea Mastley cloudy at 12 merid took in Mr. J. G. Studing sails Latitude 32° 15'

Thursday 20

First part fresh gales from NW & squally & showery at 2 PM took in all 3 sails at 3 Double reef Middle Moderate & fair spoke Barque United States 50 days from Boston later light South winds & fine Our Thermometer is in motion again she has been nearly invariable for some time not varying above 24th in low Latitudes she stood at 30° to 30° 24th Latitude 33° 27' at 12 merid 29° 9th Longitude at 4 20° 23' 30

Towards N. Holland

Friday 21th

Commences with small breezes from West & fine weather Middle part strong from NW & squally took in all ~~stud~~ Studing sails & Mr. J. G. sails later fresh gales & hard squalls under Double reef 2nd Mr. J. sail & reef fore & foresail set saw a number of W whale birds albatross &c Course SE Latitude 34° 37' Long at 3 PM 17° 44'

Saturday 22th

First part strong gales & passing Clouds under 2 reefs Middle more moderate turned one reef out 3 sails later quite moderate & high swell under single reefs Course SE

Sunday 23

All these 24 hours strong & unsteady breezes from SW NW to S SW & some squally under single reefs most of the time Course SE to Tristan & Ounha at 6 PM saw Kelp at 11 PM saw the Island bearing SE by Compass Latitude at Meridian the Chronometer has lost Long at 3 PM 32° 36' 23" 18³ 1/2 Daily since we } by English ship 12-35th } the Island 12-02 } Thermometer has rise these 24 hours from 29° 7th to 30°

Monday 24th

Commences with lively breezes from SW & passing Clouds Middle from South to SE & Souercasts all sail set later light from South Clear & pleasant Onboard & bent our Old fore & main Courses Course SE

Tuesday 25

Thermometer from 30° up to 30° 24th Latitude 36° 20' Longitude at 5 PM 9° 07' First part light breezes from South middle from SW later fine breezes from NW weather fine with passing Clouds at 4 PM Thermometer 30° 24th at 12 merid 30° 1th

Wednesday 26

First & Middle parts of these 24 hours lively breezes from NW fine weather later & hazy Course SE SE Latitude 37° 21'