

Ship Leonidas

Friday April 3rd 1840

First part of these 24 hours lively breezes from WNW & fine all sail set at 6th Strong Squall from West took in all light sails at 8 Double reefed Middle hard gales & harder Squalls attended with rain & lightning & rapt & field Mr I sail turned up W. boat at 4 harder reefed I Course turned up L. boat Ends hard gales & frequent Squalls Latitude 38-12
Barometer at 4 A.M. 29.6th Long at 3 P.M. by Chs 77-01
at Meridian 29-7-1

Saturday 4th

First part of these 24 hours strong gales from WSW & frequent Squalls at 4th P.M. have to head to South Middle more moderate wind WSW at 8 A.M. kept of L.S. under single reefs at 9 Steered East saw a Ship of stark quarter saw kept porpoises & a good number of birds We are Enchased to get sight of Amsterdam Island Ends with fresh gales & rain
Barom 29-7 to 6th No Latitude
Long at 9 A.M. by Chs 78-42
Lunars 76-42

Sunday 5th

First part fresh gales with rain at 3 Cleared for a short time but smoky saw the appearance of land bearing South halloed up for it it soon thickened up again took in sail headed to S.W. at 11 more ship at 2 A.M. more again at 6 set single reefs steered ESE till 8 & then S Strong breeze from WNW flying Clouds & vary smoky could not see the land more than 10 miles to Ends these 24 hours without any land Latitude 38-40
Long at 8 A.M. by Chs 79-40

Towards N Holland

Monday April 6th

First part strong winds from NW & overcast at 6 P.M. Hannibal Burgess fell overboard from the bowsprit rigging in the attempt of running out to strike a porpoise the ship fastened him he came up 2 ship lengths astern our Commander quickly lunged out hard on starboard the starboard mate was cleared & dropped in to the water in a hurry in the mean time the car was hove overboard our boat was as quick a hand as she struck the water now to saving my lads for life to save the life of a Joseph man quick she darts over the foaming sea & against the strong wind & mist him in the car swimming for the ship quick he was halloed in & rescued from a watery grave & thank providence that it was so 39-00
no worse later part strong breezes from West & passing clouds steered SE till 12 middle then ESE

Tuesday 7th

All these 24 hours strong breezes from West & fair saw nothing but a plenty porpoises caught one Course East Latitude 38-00
Long at 3 P.M. by Chs 87-35
By Lunar 86-35

Wednesday 8th

First part lively breezes from West & fair middle light & haphing later some light showers small & haphing breeze & calms saw nothing Latitude 37-18
Course East Long at 4 P.M. Chs 89-26
By Lunar 88-23

Thursday 9th

All these 24 hours light & haphing breezes from NW to WSW & overcast saw nothing later an bent Farsail to repair Course East Latitude 37-00