

- 3 day -

Friday - February 13th 1863

69 days from Mr. -

Latitude - South - Longitude - West.

5. Am. Mr Evans came to our window - and called me - Staten Land - was just ahead - and looking up - large in the surrounding mist - which enclosed it - As it was late the forenoon - The Capt. had given up his first idea of running through the Straights of Len Mann and had steered directly for Cape St John - The easternmost point of Staten Land - I went on deck soon after Mr Evans called me - We were approaching the land quite fast - and from ahead - about 10 miles away could be seen a vessel - also standing - into the land - Mr Evans was being about ship - duty - we had a cup of Coffee together!! and spoke about the splendid chance of going through the Straights of Len Mann - and seemed to wish that we had done so - Soon after - Annie - Emma - Mann - and Mrs Morey - came out on deck - and peep down on the fore-deck - many spots my window - At this time we were steering South by S - Along the island - I went in my room several times - to take drawings of the land - 10. Am. we are now opposite two small Islands - which appear to be covered with green as they were very low - The main Island of Staten Land is barren and mountainous - with no sign of vegetation - Large portions of rocky cliffs and ravines - are piled up - on one compound mass - giving the appearance of being steep - and precipitous - We ran by Cape St John - distant a league - at noon at 60 N 20 - 20 miles distant - we overhauled the ship we first came in sight of - about 11 o'clock and - ran - about 1 mile to leeward of her - The James Her Coler - which were "Daniel" - Mr Evans thought her to be a - Boston built ship - from her outward appearance she was newly painted - with yellow mixed bottom - and Stern apparently gilded - Both ships are close hauled by the wind and we are drawing - by the stranger - 12. Am. Mr Evans came on my room and I read to him a portion of this log book - of our first starting away - He seemed to enjoy it very much - It gave him a drink of Brandy - I showed him my - Recommendations - He also wished me to write to Mr Curry - and try and get him a

ship - and also write him to the Chuscha Island as he would lay there 3 or 4 months - He then went out to take the sun - We were fast leaving the land and steering on a S by W course - After dinner feeling very sleepy - and now that the excitement was over - I went to my room - Soon Mr Evans came to my window - and called me out - Said he wished me to see the ship we had passed but I knew before - She was - nearly out of sight - at last - There was also in sight - 2 ships - bound same way as ourselves - Mr E said he had tried - the sails immediately after coming on deck - and wished me to see what the crew could do when in sailing trim - I had previously been - trying them - that the - I was a slow boat - I did not go - on deck again - until after supper - Mr E - watch and deck from 6 to 8 - He wanted me to get my coat and come out and walk with him - But on account of the cold - I remained in my room - Georg. and many retired early - and we did the same - Hanging our lamps so that we could see - The wind had commenced blowing fresh - and steady SW - with the yards check a mile - 2 points - or more - The watch had come most of the night - and as many came - the watch forehand - The Barometer - had a sudden fall - and everything indicates a severe blow from the NW -

So - ends this day -

Memorandum of watches

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| 5 | 6 | 12 | Friday night | Mr Levi - Sand Mathis - watch on deck |
| 12 | 6 | 4 | Sally moon | Mr Evans 1st - " " " " |
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| 8 | 6 | 12 | " night | Mr Evans - Inacted by Turner - |