

Saturday - February 14th - 1863 -

70 days from 24th - 11 - 1 - 1 -

Latitude South Longitude West

At 8 o'clock - we were - running - in our close reefed Topsails
Heading SW - ship going - 2 points free - The wind was - shifted
abund - So that our broad - sheets up - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Came - and Emma - was - on deck - talking with Mr Evans - it was the watch
on deck from 8 to 12 -
and Paul -
to under - deck - of 2nd Main Top - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Staysail -
me a visit -
stayed - 1/4 of an hour - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
passed -
Mr Evans taking the Sun - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Came - Mary - and Emma -
in George's room -
and having a good time - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Before noon
Mr Evans came -
and seemed very pleasant - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
After dinner -
He came to my room -
Speaks about Charles -
being scratched -
He was soon surrounded with women - - - - - - - - - - -
which was to much for him - and he made a retreat - - - - -
He was his
watch below from 12 to 4 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
George and myself took - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
off the
Chart - after which he laid down for an hour or so - - - - -
All
this time the wind instead of diminishing - was gradually increasing
and the sea running - mountain high - I laid down with Charles and
he was from asleep -
At 5 - had supper -
Mr Evans spoke
to me about - the - storm of a - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
and was very - good -
After tea - he took his leg Book - and came on deck - - - - -
George
and myself was in his room - looking at the position of the ship
and - as it was cold I put on Mr Evans - Pilot Coat - and - went in
deck - all laughed to see me - with the coat on - - - - -
While standing
and talking with George - a sea came over which wet us some - at
which the Capt laughed - and said - "When you get the coal well wet
through - give it to Mr Evans - He laugh & and said - That coal
is not easy wet through! At this time he was talking with the Capt
and laughing heartily - at some joke - a former Capt - he had been
with Mad - They both went aft - when the Capt gave the
order to loose and set the Fore Top - - - - - - - - - - -
George and myself
suspended - haul in the Weather Brace - - - - - - - - - - -
when he ordered all of the
watch - to lay aloft - and from the lee side of the Yard arm

first - He was then standing directly - along side of me -
waiting for the sail to be loosed - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
saying towards the Capt - he
said to me - "Do you see Napoleon - Little Napoleon" - - - -
he looks fierce - as fierce as a rat - Catcher - Looking up aloft -
again - He said - "I must go up there - and show the boys how
to do it" - So saying - he started up - and I saw him go
over the Fore Top -
As the sea - was - lashing - at any moment
to break over - the sail - I again went aft - - - - -
when the Capt
Emma - and - George - was standing - The Fore bell had rung -
and I offered - my - assistance to Emma - As we were going
in the door - I looked up on the Topmast Yard - Mr Evans was
on the lee side - The sail was loose - and blowing - over his
head - I thought to myself - "Be careful - that looks dangerous"
and went into the Cabin - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Came and Mary - was going to supper
and I was to take care of Charles instead of going on deck as
I first intended -
When the Capt - rushed - into the Cabin - saying
"Poor Mr Evans!! He has fallen from the Topmast Yard!!" I immediately
went on deck -
and met the Sailors - bringing him in to the
Cabin - He was frightfully disfigured - The top of his head was
marked - on - and one of his eyes very much cut - - - - -
could not
do over that any of his limbs - was broken - but this - the fall must
have broken his neck -
He fell - just above - the Larboard Fore rigging
and struck on his head - near the landing block of the Topmast Halliards
The fall must have killed him instantly - as he never breathed - after
raising him up -
He is supposed - that - when coming in from off
the yard - His cap blew off - and in his endeavor to - pass it back
his hold - and fell -
Mr Mann - saw his cap fall first - - - - -
and then afterwards himself - George - also saw him fall - saw him fall
head downward - with his hands spread - open - and his arms ex-
tended -
It is a singular fact - that none on the Yard with him
knew that he had fallen - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
and did not know it until they came
down from aloft - His remains - were put on his berth - where he
had so often laid when alive - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
and when he had so often laid
his little "Sailor Boy" - "Uncle Toby's - Sailor boy!" as he used to
call - Charles -
After consultation - the Capt - thought it best - to
convey his body - to the sea - This evening - and accordingly
every preparation - was made - - - - - - - - - - -
His body was secured up in