

Bark Mabel Towards New Holland.

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Sunday Feb 3rd This day good weather and moderate southerly winds. The Bark on different tracks. The Island in sight bearing N. W. about six miles dist. Saw a fire on the Island about 3 P.M. Stood off shore intending to go in fishing in the morning, and ascertain if there is any one on the Island that needs assistance.

No obs.

Monday Feb 4th This day comes in with fresh gale from S.E. at daylight Steered in for the Island, but owing to rough weather could do nothing as there was no landing. Wore ship off shore to wait for better weather.

No obs.

Tuesday Feb 5th Still continues rough weather and smart gale from S.E. the Bark under short sail heading E.S.E. Ends with a little more moderate. Hope tomorrow will be good weather so I can go and find out if there is any shipwrecked men on the Island.

No obs.

Wednesday Feb 6 This day good weather and fresh breeze from S.W. at daylight made sail and steered for the Island at 11 Am. Sent in two Boats fishing on the East Side of the Island. found a party of men living in huts. Employed fishing. They were not in want of any assistance at R.P.M. Called the boats on board and steered E.S.E. having Canoelet about 1 bbl of fish.

Thursday Feb 7th These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate westerly winds. Steering E.S.E. Saw finbacks. Employed Salting & washing fish and Sunday jobs.

Lat 37° 46' Long 79° 42' E

Friday Feb 8th This day good weather and light winds from S.E. Steering by the wind to the E. & saw one vessel a full rigged Brig.

Lat 37° 12' Long 80° 16' E

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Saturday Feb 9th Comes in with good weather and light S.E. winds. Middle part standing to the South Ends with N.E. winds steering S.E. by E. Saw finbacks. Lat 38° 11' Long 82° 51' E

Sunday Feb 10th This day good weather and moderate breeze from N.E. steering E.S.E. on sail in sight steering to the Eastward. Lat 38° 28' Long 85° 52' E

Monday Feb 11th Comes in with moderate breeze from N.E. steering E.S.E. Middle and latter part much the same saw nothing. Employed repairing main rail & starting water out of the fore hold. Lat 38° 46' Long 87° 52' E

Tuesday Feb 12 This day good weather and moderate breeze from N.E. steering E by S 1/2 S. Saw several finbacks. and white water. Lat 38° 56' Long 90° 42' E.

Wednesday Feb 13 Comes in with good weather and fresh breeze from the N.W. steering E by S 1/2 S. Middle and latter part much the same saw nothing of importance. Lat 39° 01' Long 95° 02' E

Thursday Feb 14th This day good weather and moderate breeze from S.W. steering E by S 1/2 S. Saw finbacks. picked up a broken spar got out rough eight square broken off at the small end. Lat 38° 54' Long 98° 42' E

Friday Feb 15 Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from N.W. Ends with strong breeze from West. Saw finbacks. Lat 38° 59' Long 101° 42' E

Saturday Feb 16 These twenty four hours good weather and moderate breeze from the Westward steering E by S. Saw nothing. latter part rain squalls. Lat 38° 45' Long 104° 51' E