

Bark Mabel Cruising on New Holland

1878. Friday Nov 29th Comes in with light winds and Calms, at noon Sprung up a light Breeze from the Eastward Steered N.W. Employed painting Ship inside. Saw plenty of birds.
Lat 35° 43' Long 118° 49' E

Sunday Dec 1st This day Comes in with fresh breeze from S.W. Steering N.E. at 10 AM. Steered North at noon. Saw the land Mount Gordon bearing North about 12 Miles dist. kept her off N.E. Saw birds. no Whales
Lat 35° 18' Long 118° 20' E

Tuesday Dec 3rd This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the Eastward. Middle and latter part. Much the same. Ends with Strong Easterly winds. Saw a few finbacks. Employed painting the Boats. The land in sight.

Thursday Dec 12th These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate Breeze from South. The Bark Steering to the Eastward at 9 AM. Saw a shoal of small whales. going no where. lowered for them with all the Boats. The Waist Boat Struck and saved a small whale got him to the Ship about noon got dinner and cut him in, finished about 3 P.M. and made all sail. at noon West Cape Howe bearing North 12 Miles off.

Friday Dec 13th This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the Westward Steering E.S.E. Middle and latter part Strong breeze. Saw a Merchant Ship working to the Westward. at daylight Commenced Boiling. finished at Sunset.
West Cape Howe bearing North

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1878 Monday Dec 16th This day Comes in with good weather and Strong Westerly winds. Standing to the South at daylight. Wore Ship to the N.E. at 3 P.M. Started off for the Sound and anchored about dark in 6 fathoms and furled the Sails.

1879 Jan 7th Tuesday Comes in with light Southerly winds. at 7 AM. got under weigh with light air from S.S.E. We have been at the Sound three weeks and gave the Men three days liberty each watch. had 1 Man Desert. D.G. Clark and brought back by the Police. Mathew Remy who Deserted last March has returned. I am now four men short of my Complement. at Sunset Ellice Island bearing W. by South about 7 Miles dist. Clark has refused Duty and been put in irons in the run.

Saturday Jan 18th This day Comes in with moderate breeze from the S.E. the Bark Steering N.W. at daylight Steered off North at 9 AM. Saw Cape Surin one vessel in sight Steering to the North. Ends with fine breeze from S.W. Saw no fish.
Lat 34° 39' S Long 114° 33' East

Sunday Jan 19th This day fine weather moderate breeze from the Westward Steering the N.E. for Bunbury at 3 P.M. anchored in 4 fathoms and furled the Sails.

Tuesday Jan 21st got under weigh with a fine breeze off the Sound and Steered W. S.W. at noon passed Cape Naturalist. Stowed the Cables & anchors. I hope before we let them go again we shall have 1000 lbs oil. I have shipped 1 Man, all I could raise in Bunbury. D.G. Clark after being two weeks in irons has gone to duty again. I am now three men short but will try to get along with what men we have.
at noon Cape Naturalist bearing E.S.E.