

Bark Mabel Cruising on New Holland

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Sunday Feb 23rd This day fine weather and light winds from S. S. E. the Bark steering by the wind to the Southward. Middle and latter part much the same. at 4 Am. Saw a lone whale going to windward quick saw him one rising. did not lower no closer yesterday spoke Bark Offley of Hobartown too enough
Lat 35° 05' Long 114° E

Monday Feb 24th These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate breezes from South the Bark on different tacks. latter part steering to E. S. E. saw the land bearing N. E. about 15 miles dist Point De Entrecastel. Saw one feebuck, penguins & Porpoises The Offley in sight to the westward
Lat 35° 12' Long 115° 26' E

Tuesday Feb 25 This day Comes in with fresh Breezes from S. W. the Bark steering to the Westward at 6 Am. saw Sports supposed to be a Sperm Whale. Saw them but one rising at 7 Am. wore ship to the E. S. E. two Whales in sight
Lat 35° 33' Long 116° 00' E

Wednesday Feb 26th Comes in with strong westerly winds and squally weather the Bark on the Southern tack. Middle and latter part more moderate at noon Steered off North. the wind bearing to the South. Saw nothing of importance
Lat 36° 20' Long 116° 46' E

Thursday Feb 27th Comes in with good weather and moderate breezes from South the Bark on different tacks. at 7 Am. saw a Breach. run for it and raised a Spout. Saw it four or five times and then disappeared. We hauled aback and lay 45 minutes but saw no more of it. This is hard times for us. but I am living in hopes
Lat D.R. 36° 20' Long 117° 34' E

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Sunday March 6th This day fine weather and moderate southerly winds the Bark standing to the S.W. at 9 Am. tacked ship to the Eastward. Saw nothing of importance. Ends with fine weather. The leach of the main topsail parted. Spliced it. The land in sight
Lat 35° 38' Long 117° E

Monday March 10th This day Comes in with light winds from S. E. steering West. The lander in sight to the Eastward. at Sunset took in the light sails at 10 P.M. a large whale Come up alongside going to the E. S. E. Made all sail and beat to windward all night This morning steered different course but could not find him. The Bark Offley in sight at 9 Am. Steered off W. by N. saw penguins and Killers
Lat 35° 39' Long 115° 38' E

Sunday March 16th This day Comes in with strong breeze from N. E. the Bark steering W. N. W. at Sunset reefed the main topsail and took in fore topsail. Middle part blowing and raining wind from the North. Turned up the Starboard Boat. Ends with better weather. Saw nothing
Lat 28° 13' Long 110° 12' E

Monday March 17th This day fine weather and moderate breeze from S. E. the Bark steering W. N. W. at noon Steered West saw nothing but birds and small frog. Ends with fresh breeze from South
Lat 27° 47' Long 110° 04'

Tuesday March 21 This day light variable winds and passing rain squalls. the Bark on different tacks. Saw Squid and a few birds. There are dry times. how much longer I cannot tell.
Lat 27° 52' Long 108° 37' E