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Remarks On Sunday 12th August

Commences with very light airs from the N.W. at 5 A.M. took our anchor from the Road of Colonia Bay & proceed down the Bay at 6 do the sea breeze set in Comes & working out the Bay Lat & Co with Ships Mary, Lolly Anne & Bark Harvest & ends with fine breeze from the S.S.E a Lead over the Bar

Monday 13th August

All these 24 hours fine breeze from the Southward Working out the Bay at 8 A.M. killed a Bullock left part light squalls of Rain unbent the Main top gallant sail and Reef another so ends this 24 hours Ship's Mary, & Lolly Anne in Co

Tuesday 14th August

Obs Lat 18.08 S. Long 66 E

Fine breeze from the South to S.E. and squalls of rain Working out of the Bay latter part the same at 12 Meridian was out of the mouth of the Bay so ends with Ships Mary, & Lolly Anne & Bark Harvest in sight

16.49 S 49.50 E

Wednesday 15th August 1887

Obs Lat 18.12 Long 66 Lon 50.36

Commences with fine breeze from S.S.E by the wind to the S.W. at 3 P.M. tacked to the Eastward Middle and latter part moderate breeze from S.S.W but fly off so at so ends with Ships Mary, Lolly Anne, & Bark Harvest in sight Lat 18.12 S Long 50.45 E

Remarks On Thursday 16th August

Obs Lat 18.23 S. 50.45

Commences with Moderate breeze from the South at 2 P.M. tacked to the S.W. at 4 do tacked to the S.E. Hauled Long light airs through the night at 4 A.M. tacked to the S.W. so Ends with light airs from the South at 12 Meridian and hauled to the S.W. tacked to the S.E. so Ends painted Boats &c Ships Mary, & Lolly Anne in sight

Remarks On Friday 17th August

Obs Lat 18.34 Long 66 Lon 51.03 E

All these 24 hours light airs from the South a part of the time not enough for steerage way at 2 A.M. hauled to the S.W. with light airs from the S.E. employed repairing Sails &c. Ships Lolly Anne, & Mary in sight

Saturday 18th August 1887

Obs Lat 17.07 S 50.50

All 24 hours Moderate breezes from the South to S.E. by the wind to the E.S.E at 11 P.M. the wind hauled to the S.E. tacked Ships to the S.W. so Ends employed Repairing Sails &c Ships Mary & Lolly Anne in sight

Sunday 19th August

Obs Lat 17.17 Long 66 Lon 50.00

Commes with moderate breeze from the S.E. all sail set by the wind to the S.W. at 2 P.M. tacked to the Eastward at 10 do tacked to the S.W. so Ends with light airs from the South at 12 Meridian and hauled to the S.W. tacked to the S.E. so Ends painted Boats &c Ships Mary, & Lolly Anne in sight to Leeward

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Remarks On Monday 21st August

Obs Lat 17.37 S

Light breeze from the South all sail set by the wind to the E.S.E. Middle and latter part the same at 7 A.M. tacked Ship to the S.W. Ship Lolly Anne in sight off Lee Bearing employed Repairing Sails

Tuesday 22nd August 1887

Obs Lat 18.08 Long 66 Lon

All these 24 hours Moderate breeze from the S.S.E. to S.E. at 10 P.M. tacked Ship, Middle and latter part light airs and pleasant by the wind to the S.W. Ship Lolly Anne in sight off Lee Bearing

Wednesday 23rd August

Obs Lat 19.15 S. 50.40 E

Moderate breeze from the S.E. by the wind to the S.W. Middle and latter part the same employed at Repairing Sails &c Ships Lolly Anne in Co

Thursday 24th August

Obs Lat 20.00 S. Long 49.43 E 50.31

Commences with moderate breeze from the S.E. by the Wind to the S.W. at 5 P.M. bent a Sail a head Middle and latter part very light airs from S.E. by the Wind to the S.S.W. Ship Lolly Anne in Co

Friday 25th August 1887

Obs Lat 21.07 Long 49.19 Lon 50.12

All these 24 hours Moderate breeze from S.E. by the Wind to the S.W. Ship Lolly Anne in Co

Saturday 26th August

Lat 22.38 S.

Moderate breeze from the E.S.E. at 9 A.M. boarded large School of Sperm Whale, lowered Boat fastened to one when the stern started off Duck Bill could not faster at 1 P.M. took the Whale to the Ship so ends light airs from the E.S.E. Ship Lolly Anne in sight cutting Sh 50 one Whale 49.40 E

Sunday 27th August

Obs Lat 22.11 Long 2 Chron 1845

Fine breeze from E.S.E. at 4 P.M. commenced cutting at 4 do had the Whale alongside Ship Stripped Sails & cutting in the Blubber at 12 Meridian latter part fine breeze from East, Ship Lolly Anne in sight to Stern employed Boiling

Monday 28th August

Obs Lat 21.19 Long 66 Lon 50.36

Fine breeze from the East Stern, Strikes at 4 P.M. finished boiling Middle and latter part strong breeze at 8 P.M. furled fly gib lower & hoisted gallant sails Steered W.S.W. took in Studding sails Stowed in all up Rigging &c