

Ship Mary cruising off River de La Plata Dec 1853
 Courses & Winds Saturday Dec the 10th
 WNW S & moderate breeze & fine weather saw porpoises
 NW SSE at sun down shortened sail at day light made sail
 fresh breeze from NE steering W the watch employed
 West NE at different jobs Leak 340 S Lat by orls
 Long by chron

Sunday Dec the 11th
 W NE & strong breeze & hazy W saw porpoises & sail in
 sight at sun down shortened sail at day light made
 sail with a strong breeze & hazy 3 sails in sight
 ship's leak as before Lat by orls
 Long by chron

Monday Dec the 12th
 E NE NW fore part fresh breeze attended with rain under
 double reefed top sails & courses at sun down took in
 sail at day light made sail strong breeze & hazy W
 WSW S 2 sails in sight saw turtles L400 S Lat by orls
 Long by chron

Tuesday Dec the 13th
 SW SSE & strong breeze & hazy weather saw porpoises & sails
 looking glass in sight at sun down shortened sail at day light
 NE WNW made sail fresh breeze & hazy W 1 sail in sight
 E SE NE saw turtles started fresh W L450 S Lat by orls
 Long by chron

Wednesday Dec the 14th
 E SE NE & fresh breeze & clear W all sail set 2 sails in sight
 took ship saw sunfish picked up a stick of wood at sun down
 shortened sail at day light made sail fresh breeze & clear
 WNW N clear weather at 10 AM the capt went on board bark
 Leticia 500 lb sperm 2 sails in sight Leak 500 S
 New Bedford Lat by orls
 Long by chron

Thursday Dec the 15th
 W NW & light breeze & fine weather all sail set saw gramp^{se}
 and 4 sails in sight at sun down shortened sail
 at day light made sail with a strong breeze & hazy
 1 sail in sight the watch employed painting
 the anchors & iron work Lat by orls
 Leak as before Long by chron

Ship Mary cruising off River de La Plata Dec 1853
 Courses & Winds Friday Dec the 16th
 E NE NW fore part fresh breeze & hazy W one sail in sight
 NE NW at sun down shortened sail at day light made sail
 with a fresh breeze & hazy W 2 sails in sight L450
 Lat by orls

Saturday Dec the 17th Long by chron
 NW NNE fore part light breeze & hazy W all sail set saw sun
 fish & turtles new leather done on the bot. stags at
 sun down shortened sail at day light made sail with
 a fresh breeze & hazy W one sail in sight steering
 to the southward Leak 500 S Lat by orls
 Long by chron

Sunday Dec the 18th
 NW S began with a strong breeze & cloudy W at 5 PM took
 in all sail down to close reefed main top sail & spencers
 and kept to the wind blowing a fresh gale
 Latter part moderate gale & cloudy & sails Leak 900 S
 Lat by orls

Monday Dec the 19th Long by chron
 SW SSE & strong breeze & clear weather under close reefed top
 sails fore sail & spencers saw porpoises 1 sail in sight
 at day light made all sail light & air & fine weather
 the watch employed at different jobs caught a turtle
 ship's leak 450 Lat by orls
 Long by chron

Tuesday Dec the 20th
 NNE E & light breeze & clear W all sail set saw sunfish & turtles
 took ship at sun down shortened sail at day light made all
 sail with a moderate breeze & hazy W saw fin backs
 SE NE & porpoises & lots of Wright whale feed so ends
 Leak 300 S Lat by orls
 Long by chron

Wednesday Dec the 21st
 SE by S NE & fresh breeze & cloudy weather saw fin backs
 SSE ENE at sun down shortened sail at day light made sail
 strong breeze & cloudy W 1 sail in sight steering S
 saw porpoises & started fresh water Leak 250 S
 Lat by orls
 Long by chron