

Bark Watuta Seas. Steering

Sunday January 9th First part fresh gale with heavy squalls from N.W. Ship steering course E. by N. under double reef main topsail and fore sail at sundown moderate breeze the reef out of the main topsail and set the fore topsail close reefed middle part moderate breeze with heavy swell latter part the wind hauled to the N.W. made all sail

Lat. 13° 21' S.
Long 140° 26' E.

Monday Jan 10th First part fresh breeze from N.W. with cloudy weather Ship steering course East under all drawing sail middle and latter part strong winds at 10 A.M. took in the fore gaff and set on gaff topsail

Lat. 13° 50' S.
Long 141° 32' E.

Tuesday Jan 11th First part strong winds from N.W. with cloudy weather Ship steering course E. by N. under all beating sail at sundown sighted Vandermeer land bearing N. E. 15 miles distant at 10 took in sail for the night middle and latter part strong winds from West with squally weather and rugged ship by the wind on opposite tacks under double reef topsails at midnight Southward Cape of Vandermeer land bore N. N. W. 20 miles distant

Wednesday Jan 12th Commenced with strong breeze from N.W. with hazy weather Ship by the wind on opposite tack under double reef topsails middle part at calm with foggy weather latter part the same at midnight Southward Cape North 25 miles distant

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Thursday January 13th First part moderate breeze from S.E. with rainy weather Ship steering course N.W. by N. under easy sail sent ast to the leeward at sundown took in sail and luffed to the wind heading off shore middle and latter part fresh breeze from S.E. with thick rainy weather Ship on opposite tacks under easy sail

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Friday Jan 14th First part moderate gale from S.E. with thick rainy weather Ship heading to the N.E. at 4 P.M. wore ship to the S.W. and close reefed the main topsail middle part moderate at 8 P.M. the ship pitched into a sea broke the spritsail yard in two pieces sprang the bowsprit by it heeling about half way off on the leeward side causing it not to be seaworthy latter part moderate breeze with fair weather at daylight the wind hauled off the westward ship by the wind heading to the N.W. at 11 A.M. wore ship to the Southward Ship under easy sail to keep her from pitching on the account of the bowsprit being sprung crew employed in getting in the spritsail yard and setting up the jib and flying jib guys saw agail and the land

Lat 13° 00' S.
Long 144° 34' E.

Saturday Jan 15th First part moderate breeze from West with fair weather Ship steering S.E. under topsails and fore sail with the head sails furled on the account of the bowsprit being sprung we are obliged to go in port to get an new bowsprit at 1 P.M. double reefed the topsails and luffed to leeward middle and latter part wind and weather the same at daylight made sail and steered East Southward at midnight Newstone bore North 6 miles distant