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Thursday Dec 7th Commences with fresh gale from west with squally weather ship bore to heading to the south. Middle and latter part the same

Friday Dec 8th Commences with fresh gale from west with thick weather ship bore to heading to the south. Middle part the same latter part more ship to the N.W. Lat. 35° 8' S. Long 168° 52' E.

Saturday Dec 9th Commences with strong breeze from westward with clear weather ship by the wind heading to the N.W. under all, bearing sail. About end of Steward Island in sight. Middle and latter part light breeze sent a new main spencer at Meridian. Solander Island bore N.W. by N 8 miles dist. W. Larkin and P. Graham on board on duty

Sunday Dec 10th Commences with light breeze from N.E. with drizzle weather at 1 P.M. the wind hauled to the N.W. blowing fresh gale to the N.W. Latter part more moderate at 3 A.M. the wind hauled to the S.W. as we were ship to the N.W. at Meridian Solander Island bore N.E. 25 miles dist

Cruising off Solander 1871

Monday Dec 11th Commences with fresh breeze from westward with hazy weather ship by the wind heading to the southward. Middle and latter part the same ship on opposite tack at Meridian Solander Island bore N.E. 25 miles dist

Tuesday Dec 12th Commences with fresh breeze from west with hazy weather ship by the wind heading to the west of S. At 1 P.M. took in the main topsail and turned the lubber up at Meridian blowing heavy No. 10

Wednesday Dec 13th First and middle part very heavy gale from North with heavy squalls ship laboring very hard very large sea running ship bore to heading to the west under fore topsail and main spencer at 3 P.M. took the waist board off the cranes at 2 A.M. lost the lubber board by shipping also lost gang way board bulwarks carried away one of the braces to the davit lost fore board tackle and galle washed away some copper and sheathing off the ship. Bow part of the facing of the main rail carried away the main spencer toping lifted the sea turned the starboard boat bottom side up lost part of the craft and damaged the boat some and number of other small items were done to the ship at 5 A.M. the wind hauled to the west in squall and moderate some latter part crew employed in clearing away the deck and repairing damages ship bore to heading to the south Lat 35° 08' S. Long 166° 20' E.