

Barque Matilda Leaves Steaming South in the South Atlantic 1878

Saturday November 15th
First part a fresh breeze and clear weather from E middle and later part a fresh gale with rain from the N+E Ship heading S No observation

Sunday November 16th
Comes in with a strong gale from the N with rain Wind increasing at eleven AM have the Ship too under a close reef main topsail heading E at six wind hauled to the S+W made sail and stood to the S+E on the Starboard tack a fresh breeze and smoky

Lat 28-10
Long 25-47

Monday Nov 17
Comes in a strong breeze from S+W Ship heading SE at five AM rose Spinn Whales loared three Boats Lashed Boat went on three times Struck once & the line parted missed twice the Bow Boat went on three times & missed Chased them untill dark and came on board put the Ship under double reefed topsails on the Starboard tack at twelve Noon Ship heading WSW Weather fine so ends this day

Lat 28-18
Long 25

Tuesday November 18th
Throught this day a fresh breeze from the S+W Ship heading S the S took from Porto to clear the Starboard Port

Lat 28-48
Long 25-10

Wednesday November 19

Throught this day a strong Gale from the S+W Ship heading from S to SE under short sail Saw two Ships Stearing to the N

Lat 30-42
Long 28-21

Thursday November 20

First part a strong gale from the S+W Ship heading to the SE middle and later part more moderate Ship heading to S+W No observation this day

Friday Nov 21

Throught this day fine weather from the SE Ship heading to S+W Saw a number of Fin backs Crew employed painting Boats on the house &c

Lat 32-40
Long 25-15

Saturday November 22

Throught this day a fresh breeze from the N+E Ship heading S+W all sail set finished painting boats on the house and Fin backs

Lat 35-38
Long 25-16