

1878 Remarks on board Bark Matilda Sears

Tuesday April 16th First port blowing strong from the north with rain at 4 1/2 headed to S.W. and moderated. Letter from Bragg from North ship ready for sea

Wednesday April 17th First port moderate squally from North ship ready for sea letter ship ready for sea waiting for a wind

Thursday April 18th First port light breeze from N.W. to North ship ready for sea waiting for a breeze. The painter started & anchored under provisions etc. & lay on to fresh Bragg from North

Friday April 19th First port blowing S.W. fresh breeze the Bark from Carver. Calm in latter part with light wind from the North waiting for a fair wind so we can leave

Saturday April 20th First port light winds from S.W. to N.W. The painter sailed latter light wind from S.W. & Elmer weighed our anchor & started for sea also my boy & Susan & Capt. Horn Pigeon at 12th passed between Cape Anna & Timber Point with all sail set

Sunday April 21st Commences with fresh breeze from S.W. to S. S.W. at one got the anchor all ready & cables below & got dinner at all sail set & commenced breezing on come down to reef & to its striking West at 4 1/2 but to the wind heading W.S.W. on all heading S.W. latter strong breeze from S.W. head steering N.W. West Low Humphreys

Bound to Massapura

Monday April 22nd Lat 35° 50' Long 154° 46' West Commences with strong wind from S.W. East steering N.W. West with double reefed main & close reefed fore topsails & fore sail set at gun down took in the fore sail & lapped to the wind heading S.W. Black. Fair over side & sail S.W. & latter moderate winds from S.W. head to South steering from N.W. head to N.W. with main & fore sails set & broke and the clothing broke & lost the men clothes and anything over

Tuesday April 23rd Lat 34° 55' Long 16° 31' West Commences with light winds from S.W. to S.W. steering N.W. West at gun down hoisted all sail & lapped to the wind heading W.S.W. with anything else on board, a small wind heading W.S.W. at 4 heading S.W. latter moderate winds from N.W. West heading S.W. with all sail set & all for actions run

Wednesday April 24th Lat 34° 58' Long 17° 10' West Commences with moderate winds from N.W. West heading S.W. West shorted sail & down down and anything seen, small wind headed to South heading N.W. West latter light air from South steering N.W. West saw 9 all for actions

Thursday April 25th Lat 35° 00' Long 17° 37' West Commences with calm & got a light breeze from S.W. East steering N.W. West shorted sail & down down with anything seen, small wind heading N.W. West latter fresh breeze from North to N.W. West heading from N.W. West to S.W. West at 12 Bragg on & commenced for rain took in fore light sail & down ship heading N.W. West

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