

Journal of Bark *Matthias*
Bound to Williams Bird Island

Saturday Jan = 28th 1882

Lat = S. 30.43
Long = E. 11.12
These 24 hours a very strong breeze from about South the Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard tack. About 11 A.M. saw two Sails during the day steering to the North and Westward so ends

Sunday Jan = 29th

Lat = S. 30.20
Long = E. 13.22
These 24 hours strong breeze from about S.W. the Bark steering E.S.E. and S.E. Saw a Ship during the day steering to the N.W. so ends

Monday Jan = 30th

Lat = S. 29.04
Long = E. 15.50
First part light breeze and pleasant the Bark steering E. Middle part strong breeze from about S.W. Bark steering E.N.E. latter part moderate gale at sunset took in mainsail jib and close reefed the topsails and steered N.W. at 8 P.M. put to the wind on the Port tack

Tuesday Jan = 31st

Lat = S. 27.34
These 24 hours strong breeze from S. the Bark steering to the N.E. at 12.30 noon sighted land the West Coast of Africa steered the Bark along the land until sunset and then heeled to the wind heading off shore saw 4. Humpbacks and 4. Boats during the day shortened sail at night

Wednesday Feb = 1st

Lat = S. 27.34
First part light breeze middle part light air and calm latter part light air saw two Schooners and saw 3 Humpbacks the land in sight all day saw a plenty of Boats at about 3 P.M. lowered the Starboard Mast to tow the Ship for about 2 hours at sunset heeled to the wind off shore under short sail

Off Schabo Island

of New Bedford Capt = Stickney
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Thursday Feb = 2nd 1882

Lat = S. 25.33
First part light gale from S.W. the Bark trying to on the Port tack until 11 A.M. steered in shore middle part light breeze from S. steered down the Coast latter part strong breeze at sunset heeled the Bark to on the Port tack heading off shore under close reefed topsails and storm sails so ends

Friday Feb = 3rd

First part fresh breeze from the Southward and thick fog the Bark here to on the Port tack middle part light breeze and some fog latter part quite clear steered in for the land saw it and ran down the coast saw 5 Humpbacks at sunset heeled to the wind on the Port tack under short sail off Williams Bird Island saw a vessel to the Eastward of the Island looking as if she was on a reef but not sure

Saturday Feb = 4th

Lat = S. 27.34
First part light air and calm with thick fog middle part light air latter part light breeze about 1 P.M. fog cleared up saw the land steered in for it at about 2.30 P.M. lowered the Starboard and Main Boats and went in to the Island to see the Wreck but found it to be nothing but a spar carrier saw about 12 Humpbacks but did not get on to any the Boats got on Board about 6 P.M. at 11 P.M. took in the light sails and reefed the topsails and lay off and on the Island at night so ends