

Journal of Bark *Matthew*
Cruising off the West Coast of Africa
Friday March 31st 1882

Lat. S 15.05 These 24 hours very strong breeze
Long. E from S.S.W. and cloudy weather
10.12 at 6 A.M. put the Bark on the Port
tack and steered by the wind at
sunset close reefed the Foretopsail and
single reefed the Main so ends

Saturday April 1st
Lat. S 15.16 These 24 hours very strong breeze from
Long. E about S.S.W. and cloudy weather the
8.53 Bark steering by the wind under double
reefed topsails and courses during the
day at sunset close reefed the foretopsail
and took in the mainsail saw
Gampuses during the day so ends

Sunday April 2nd
Lat. S 15.41 These 24 hours very strong breeze from
Long. E about S. the Bark steering by the wind
7.50 on the Port tack under single reefed
mainsail close reefed foretopsail and
courses and jib at sunset took in the
jib and mainsail saw Gampuses during
the day so ends

Monday April 3rd
Lat. S 16.22 These 24 hours strong breeze from S.S.E.
Long. E the Bark steering by the wind on the Port
6.53 tack under close reefed foretopsail single reefed
mainsail and courses and jib at sunset
took in the courses and jib so ends

Tuesday April 4th
Lat. S 16.52 This day strong breeze and fine weather the
Long. E Bark steering by the wind on the Port tack
5.55 Wind from about S.S.E. at sunset
took in the jib steering by the wind at
night under close reefed foretopsail single
reef mainsail and courses

of New Bedford Capt. Stetson
Cruising off the West Coast of Africa
Wednesday April 5th 1882

Lat. S 17.35 These 24 hours fresh breeze from about
Long. E S.S.E. the Bark steering by the wind on the
4.58 Port tack until sunset then took in the
light sails and single reefed and put
the Bark on the Starboard tack so ends

Thursday April 6th
Lat. S 17.22 These 24 hours fresh breeze from
Long. E S.S.E. the Bark steering by the wind
5.24 on the Port Starboard tack at sunset
took in the light sails and single reefed
the Topsails so ends

Friday April 7th
Lat. S 16.48 These 24 hours strong breeze from S.S.E.
Long. E and clear weather the Bark steering by the
6.33 wind on the Starboard tack under single
reefed topsails and courses jib and spanker
Broke out some Brevians during the day

Saturday April 8th
Lat. S 16.12 These 24 hours strong breeze from
Long. E S.S.E. and fine weather the Bark
7.41 steering by the wind on the Starboard
tack till sunset single reefed the Topsails
so ends this day

Sunday April 9th
Lat. S 16.04 These 24 hours fresh breeze and fine weather
Long. E Wind from S. to S.W. the Bark steering
9.11 by the wind on the Starboard tack at
sunset took in the light sails and
single reefed the Topsails so ends

Monday April 10th
Lat. S 15.34 These 24 hours strong breeze from Southward
Long. E at 7 A.M. steered the Bark off N.E. and
10.21 sat the maintopgallant sail did not
shorten sail at sunset so ends
fine weather