

Journal of Bark Matapouset of
Cruising off Ascension Island
Monday Dec 11th 1852

Lat-S. This day strong S.E. winds and fine
10.09 weather the Bark steering N.W. by N.
Long-W. under main top gallant sail saw Porpoises
11.36 and Oceanic Blackfish at sunset reefed
the Japsail and byed to the wind on
the Starboard tack heading Eby S.

Tuesday Dec- 12th

Lat-S. This day fresh breeze with fine weather
9.12 the Bark steering Nby E. rebent the main
Long-W. Japsail and set it down and bent
11.52 another one at sunset took in the light
sails hauled up the courses and byed to
the wind on the Starboard tack

Charles Johnson came on duty this day

Wednesday Dec- 13th

Lat-S. This day strong breeze from S.E. the
8.27 Bark steering N.W. by N. weather fine
Long-W. the watch employed in repairing
12.25 the Japsail at sunset byed to the
wind on the Starboard tack so ended

Thursday Dec- 14th

This day strong breeze and cloudy weather
Lat-S. the Bark steering N.W. by N. until about
8.14 3 P.M. spoke the Bark A.R. Tucker of
Long-W. New Bedford Capt. Lifford and gained
13.28 with her until 9 P.M. steered by the wind
23 on the Port tack the remainder of the
24 hours

Friday Dec- 15th

This day fresh breeze at 7 A.M. steered
the Bark off N.W. by N. at 9 A.M. sighted
Ascension Island bearing N.W. by N. at about
11 A.M. byed to the wind on the Starboard
tack saw four sails during the day
and finished the Japsail saw Porpoises
at sunset the Island bearing N.W. by W.

New Bedford Capt. Stirkmar
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Saturday Dec- 16th 1852

First part of the 24 hours light
air and fine weather steered N.W. from
6 A.M. to 9 A.M. then byed to the wind
on the Starboard tack saw one sail
latter part of the day fresh breeze saw
the Island Past heading N.W. by N. put out
new flying jib gage during the day

Sunday Dec- 17th

This day light breeze and cloudy at daylight
put to Black and the Port tack and made
all sail saw Porpoises and Sperm whales saw
one sail at sunset the Island bearing
N.W. by N. at sunset put the Bark on
the Starboard tack and took in the light
sails Manuel Baro sick and off duty

Monday Dec- 18th

This day light breeze and cloudy weather
the Bark steering by the wind on the
Starboard tack from 6 A.M. until 1 P.M. then
steered N.W. by N. until 4 P.M. then byed
to the wind on the Port tack at sunset
saw one sail and the Island bearing
N.W. Manuel Baro still off duty

Tuesday Dec- 19th

This day light breeze and fine weather
saw Porpoises and saw the Island and
two sails about 4.30 P.M. gained the
Bark A.R. Tucker gained until 10 P.M. the
employed in mending an old Japsail
during the day the Capt. and deck again
Manuel still off duty

Wednesday Dec- 20th

This day fresh breeze the Bark steering by the
wind on the Port tack saw the Island and
two sails the watch employed in repairing
the flying jib at sunset put the Bark on
the Starboard tack Manuel still off duty