

Journal of Bark *Matthew* of
Cruising off Ascension Island
Monday Dec-21st 1882

These 24 hours strong breeze from S.E. the Bark steering different courses saw two Sails saw Kithers and Tappin at sunset the Bark steering by the wind on the Port tack heading S.W. the Island bearing N.E. Manuel Bravo still off duty

Tuesday Dec 22nd

These 24 hours strong breeze from S.E. the Bark steering by the wind on the Port tack heading S.W. at sunset put the Bark on the Starboard tack and steered by the wind heading E.N.E. Manuel Bravo getting better but not fit for duty

Wednesday Dec-23rd

First part of these 24 hours light breeze with squalls of rain middle and latter part light breeze and fine weather the Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard tack. during the day set up the lubbers and binnacle shrouds Manuel Bravo still off duty

Thursday Dec-24th

These 24 hours strong breeze from S.E. the Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard tack all day at sunset put her around on the Port tack heading S.W. by S. saw three Sails and the Island parted the foretopgallent backstay

New Bedford Capt. Stickney
Cruising off Ascension Island
Monday Dec-25th 1882

These 24 hours strong breeze from S.E. the Bark steering by the wind on different tacks saw the Island and saw two Barks about 2 P.M. engaged with them both the Bark Greyhound Capt. Allen and Bark Tropic Bird Capt. Stanton both of New Bedford engaged until 10.30 P.M. Manuel Bravo still off duty spliced the foretopgallent backstay

Tuesday Dec-26th

These 24 hours strong breeze from S.E. with cloudy weather the Bark steering by the wind on different tacks saw the Island and two Sails Manuel still off duty and Robert Gray off duty sick

Wednesday Dec-27th

These 24 hours light breeze from S.E. with fine weather the Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard tack until 2 P.M. then put her on the Port tack saw the Island and two Sails during the day and a school of porpoise Robert Gray still off duty. Manuel Bravo came on duty this day

Thursday Dec-28th

These 24 hours light breeze from about S. the Bark steering by the wind on different tacks saw the Island and two Sails during the day Robert Gray still off duty

Friday Dec-29th

These 24 hours fresh breeze from S.E. the Bark steering by the wind on the Port tack until sunset then put her on the Starboard tack. Robert Gray still off duty so ended this day with fine weather