

Remarks on Board Brig Medford 1851

Friday Jan 17th 1851 This day comes in with a good breeze from the Eastward steering N West took in sail at sunset and hove aback heading North made all sail this morning steering W N West saw no vessels

Long 57-10 Lat 15-12
Saturday Jan 18th 1851 These twenty four hours come in with a fine breeze from the E N E steering West by North hove aback at sunset under short sail made all sail this morning steering W N West saw a finback and one vessel

Long 58-43 Lat 15-07
Sunday Jan 19th 1851 First point strong trades steering W N West hove aback at sunset heading S E set the fore sail & try sail this morning and kept off S W by South saw a topsail schooner bound to the northward, and fine breeze & pleasant weather

Long 60-09 Lat 18-50
Monday Jan 20th 1851 Comes in with a fine breeze and pleasant weather steering West at 4 past two saw the island of St Lucia bearing West 25 miles distant saw a fore & aft schooner bound to the northward hove aback at sunset made all sail this morning and run down to St Vincent saw a large and a whaling schooner

Cruising off St Vincent
Tuesday Jan 21st 1851 This day comes in with light trades and pleasant weather cruising off St Vincent covered 6 or 7 times for black fish got one saw a schooner spoke with her it was the John Louis of Provincetown 8 weeks out

Wednesday Jan 22nd 1851 This day comes in with a good breeze and pleasant weather saw humpbacks 4 or 5 and struck one but hard to cut from him covered 4 times for black fish got one cruising between St Vincent & Grenada saw several sail of vessels

Thursday Jan 23rd 1851 These twenty four hours come in with a light breeze and pleasant weather chased black fish several times but got none hove to at sunset close to St Vincent this morning stood out by the land bound to St Lucia with a strong breeze saw the Louis to the leeward of us

Friday Jan 24th 1851 This day comes in with strong trades standing back & back beating up to St Lucia saw the island at 2 Pm did not take in sail at sunset stood by watches and beat her up this Am was about 6 miles off

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Saturday Jan 25th 1851 This day comes in with strong trades and squally weather standing off and on the island of St Lucia hove to at sunset saw a humpback at 11 Am kept her for Martinico saw it bearing North saw several sloops and boats in shore of us looked for black fish but could not get fast

Sunday Jan 26th 1851 These twenty four hours come in with a good breeze from the E N E steering north at sunset hauled in by Solomon Cape into Pinnings bay Martinico this morning spoke the R E Cook of Provincetown & exchanged signals with a French Brigate

Monday Jan 27th 1851 This day comes in with a strong breeze from the E N E with rain squalls in company with the R E Cook at sunset hove aback and let her drift this morning kept off for Dominica saw it at 8 Am bearing N N E saw two French Steamers

Tuesday Jan 28th 1851 These twenty four hours come in with a good breeze from the north east running for Dominica came up with it at 5 the kept under way all night at 10 o'clock came to anchor in Prince Ruperts bay in 8 fathoms of water the whaling barque Polichilla of Boston is lying at anchor here, took out the hold and got ready for filling water.

Wednesday Jan 29th 1851 This day light breezes from off the land. Laying at anchor in Prince Ruperts Bay got our casks ashore to fill water filled one raft this morning could not fill any more today on account of the natives making in the river all hands employed gave no liberty

Thursday Jan 30th 1851 Laying at anchor getting off wood & water this Am John Carson Deserted from the Brig expects he swam ashore got of two rafts of water and 3 loads of wood today

Friday Jan 31st 1851 Comes in strong breezes and frequent showers of rain filling water & boating off wood saw three or four vessels off the mouth of the Bay

Saturday Feb 1st This day comes in with strong breeze & squalls off the land filling water and wooding

Sunday Feb 2nd 1851 Laying at anchor in Prince Ruperts Bay filled all our water but could not get all our wood here and we have got to go to another bay for it gave the men liberty today all hands come off punctual and sober