

Remarks on board Bark Minerva Cruising

XX Wednesday Feb 27 1861
This day A heavy gale from S.W. by W. Laying too on S. Tack with Whale Yark & Case on deck heavy squalls of rain & rain with A tremendous sea. Ship under full main spences. if we dont loose the boats I shall be thankful these days make A man think of his home.

X Thursday Feb 28
This day A gale from S.W. with heavy squalls of rain & hail. Cleared away our head and got it overboard. & JUNK into the tank. Hard times. So Ends February.

X Friday March 2
This day A gale from S.E. by E. at 6 A.M. started the work managed to boil slowly Hard times.

X Saturday March 3
This day A heavy breeze & squally. wind from W. by N. at 6 P.M. finished boiling turned up 70 lb.

X Sunday March 4th
This day Strong Westly winds Carrying sail trying to get West. Saw two sails heavy hail heavy.

X Monday March 4th
First part of this day A gale from S.W. at 1 P.M. wind shifted suddenly to S.W. by W. strong. Ship under spences & foretopmast stay sail. tremendous heavy sea came near losing our boat.

X Tuesday March 5th
all this day A heavy gale from S.W. Laying too on S. Tack under foretopmast stay sail Mr. Spencer & foot of small spanker. heavy squalls of hail with A heavy sea so ends the month day A gale of wind.

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X Wednesday March 6th 1861
First part of this day A gale from S.W. Laying too on S. Tack Middle part more moderate made sail heading N.W.

Thursday March 7th
First part of this day moderate S.W. winds. latter part moderate N.W. winds. Steaming S.W. by W. Coopered our oil & stowed it between decks. Lat 43 21 Long 179 20 W.

X Friday March 8th
This day fresh N.E. winds & thick weather Steaming S.W. by W. at 1 A.M. saw Bester's bark. came through the straits at 4 P.M. off Sentinel reef. so ends.

Pitts Island Saturday March 9th
This day fresh S.W. winds. Saw dawn & Pitt Island and anchored under the N. end and got of one ton potatoes.

Sunday March 10
at 6 A.M. got underway and anchored off Hunt farm. Wind S.W. got of 4 Tons Potatoes onions Cabbage Turnips &c. gave 4 pounds for Yarn for potatoes. at 1 P.M. got underway & and stood out in the Strait with A light air from W.

Monday March 11
This day light N.W. winds Ship of fort ready. went in with A. boat and shot 20. pid geese. at 6 P.M. saw black fish and lowered took one by W. boat.

Tuesday March 12th
First part of this day moderate S.W. winds. 4 o'clock & gamed with ship young hector got some old Cask Heads and one Wheel Spade from Her. latter part wind S.W. ship by the point on S. Tack heading W. & arrived in sight.