

Remarks on Board Ship Minerva

continued. Friday January 10th 1845.

Steering close to the wind watch employed in mending main topsail. and taking out a cloth. So ends these 24 hours.

Saturday Jan 11th 1845

This day commenced with fine weather and light winds from E. Steering close to the wind watch. to work on main topsail at 6 finished the main top sail and cleared up decks. squared the yards and kept her off S.W. for Cape Horn. at 7 struck a porpoise. at 7 P.M. watch employed in breaking out for water and flour. so ends these 24 hours.

Sunday Jan 12th 1845

This day commenced with hazy weather and strong breezes from N.W. braced the yards. Steering S.W. at 9 P.M. here to for some days but got some parted the line and lost the lead supposed we were on the Banks water green and foggy weather. at 1/2 past 11 P.M. called men down from aloft. so ends these 24 hours.

Monday Jan 13th 1845

This day commenced with hazy weather and fresh winds from S. heading E.S. at 1/2 past 6 A.M. took in fore and main top gallant sails and single reefed the main topsail and double reefed fore and main. at 10 wind freshening hauled down Lib. hauled up main sail double reefed main topsail and close reefed the main. at 6 P.M. raised a sail on mather board sat the Lib. at 1/2 past 6 hauled down Lib. hauled up foresail and hauled the main yard aback and spoke the ship which was the Japan. Captain. Widdell 39 m^{ts} out 1800 Spon. to cruise 3 months on the River La platte then home. at 7 P.M. struck a reef out fore and main topsails. sat main sail and Lib. watch employed in making cunnings. So ends this day. Lat. 43.38 S Long 55.6

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Tuesday Jan 14th 1845.

This day commenced with fine weather and fresh winds from S.W. heading S.E. at 1 A.M. struck reef out top sails and sat the main top gallant sails watch on deck employed in making spun yarn and cunnings at 6 turned the sails and sat. fore top gallant sail steering close to wind at 6 P.M. hauled down fly Lib. and clewed up fore top gallant sail. and washed off decks. at 8 took in main top gallant sail and and double reefed fore top sail. at 10 clewed down main topsail and single reefed it made part steering close to wind heading S.W. at 9 kept her off S.W. and squared in the fore and main yards. watch employed in making cunnings. So ends these 24 hours Lat. 43.38 S. Ship going 9 knots.

Wednesday Jan 15th 1845

This day commenced with hazy weather and strong winds from N.W. steering S.W. at 3 A.M. struck reef out main topsail and sat main top gallant sail. at 10 A.M. clewed up main top gallant sail. at 11 P.M. struck reef out fore topsail and sat fore and main top gallant sail and fly Lib. at 6 got a porpoise. watch employed breaking out for corn and making cunnings. So ends these 24 hours.

Thursday Jan 16th 1845.

This day commenced with strong winds from N.W. steering S.W. watch employed in making cunnings and mending boats sails. at 7 wind hauled to N. squared the yards and steered S.W. watch employed in cunnings and spun yarn. So ends these 24 hours.