

Remarks on Board Ship Minerva

Wednesday Feb 5th 1845.

This day commenced with thick hazy weather clearing N.W. at 7 A.M. hauled up the main sail and more ship. at 12 M more ship and stood to N.W. hauled aboard the main tack. Middle part rising. Latter part watch employed breaking out for water and bread short rope out top sails sat. the top gallant sails and fly set. at 7 P.M. went down in the fore cove to eat breakfast there was hash for breakfast had but little of it and had to divide it out. Mr. Bailey 2d officer came forward and sang out for his watch. then one of the men sang out we had not done eating. I went on deck the Mate passed me at the main hatch and went forward and say damn you why dont you come out of that when your called if you dont I will whip you like hell and damnation. I said hellon. come on deck when the mate struck him 3 times and 2 of the blows knocked him down. Helton said something I could not hear what it was when the mate hit him, he stood ready to kick the ass of the man when they came up. finished breaking out and stowed off at 8 sent out studding sails. watch employed in making cin net in 23 South. so ends these 24 hours.

Thursday Feb 6th 1845.

this day commenced with thick weather and strong winds from W.S.W. steaming close to wind at 1 A.M. put the bow boat out. watch employed in fitting the boat and making canvas. Middle part. calen more ship and stood to S.W. at Latter part wind veered from S.W. tacked ship and. Heard N.W. by N. watch employed in making up canvas. so ends these 24 hours.

Lat. 48. 49. S.

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Friday Feb 7th 1845.

This day commenced with strong winds from W.S.W. Steaming N.W. at 12 M took in fore ~~and~~ main top gallant sails and fly. set at 6. ~~and~~ sent out top mast studding sails and ~~and~~ fore and main top gallant sails and fly. Latter part watch employed in sending ~~up~~ fore and main. Royal masts and ~~fitting~~ the yards. at 11 squared in mind ~~for~~ ~~steering~~ S.W. sent out the main ~~top~~ top gallant studding sail L and in sight ~~on~~ the horizon and a ship in sight ahead. so ends these 24 hours.

Lat. 48. 19. S.

Saturday Feb 8th 1845.

This day commenced with strong winds from the S.W. by S. Steaming N.W. squared in the yards. watch employed in sending up the main. Royal yard. ~~at~~ the ship in sight ahead. middle part fresh winds Latter part ~~to~~ ~~at~~ winds and pleasant weather. the ~~Barge~~ ~~in~~ in sight off our bow quarter distant 5 miles. watch employed in making ~~Spun~~ ~~corn~~ and ~~stowing~~ an old main top sail. so ends these 24 hours. Lat. 44. 25. S. Long.

Sunday Feb 9th 1845.

This day commenced with fine weather and a light wind from S.E. Steaming N.W. The ~~Barge~~ ~~in~~ in sight astern. 8 miles distant. washed off and water imp. ~~ed~~ in ~~Receiving~~ ~~men~~ ~~ing~~ 9. so ends these 24 hours.

Lat. 3. 08 North Long