

Remarks on Board Ship *Minerva*

Monday Feb 9th 1845

This day commenced with fine weather and light winds from S. E. M. Steaming N. W. by N. 1/2 W. at 1 A. M. lowered for a shoal. 43 black fish without sun up. Sail in sight off our lee quarter. middle part light winds and thick weather with square yards. Steaming N. W. by N. wind S. watch employed in mending sails. sent topsails. sudden boom aloft, 2 ships in sight so ends these 24 hours. Lat.

Tuesday Feb 10th 1845

This day commenced with fine weather and moderate winds from S. Steaming N. E. by N. watch employed in mending sails. at 4 A. M. cleared up deck. middle part moderate winds and pleasant at latter part commenced with breaking out for water square yards steaming N. W. by N. so ends these 24 hours. Lat 38.58. S.

Wednesday Feb 11th 1845

This day commenced with fine weather and fresh winds from S. Steaming N. E. by N. watch employed in making spun yarn and breaking out for water. so ends these 24 hours. No obs.

Thursday Feb 12th 1845

This day commenced with fine weather and fresh winds from S. Steaming N. W. by N. watch employed in mending sails and fitting new boats. at 11 P. M. made the Island of Massachusetts in our weather bar about 40 miles distant braced the yards steaming for the land. so ends these 24 hours. Lat.

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Friday Feb 9th 1845

This day commenced with fine weather and strong winds from S. E. Steaming on different tack to the weather of Massachusetts at 7 A. M. Hauled up fore sail and mainsail at 7 P. M. 3 ships in sight spoke the Plan net. Fictor of Nantucket 4 1/2 M. M. 50 bbls. Spear at 10 exchanged signals with ship *Niger*. Gray of New Bedford, and beat her a sailing so ends these 24 hours.

Saturday Feb 10th 1845

This day commenced with fine weather and strong winds from S. E. *Niger* in sight under the land at 7 A. M. tacked and headed for the island hauled up fore sail and mainsail. Later part watch employed making spun yarn and mending stanchions. 2 ships in sight so ends these 24 hours.

Sunday Feb 11th 1845

This day commenced with fine weather and fresh winds. Hauling off and on the Island. today the captain sent Steward before the mast and took Lawrence in his room. at 4 A. M. the waist and starboard boat went a fishing and returned without much success. the wind blowing in squalls with heavy rain ship under double reefed topsails. at 7 P. M. shot rags out and more ships at 9 P. M. saw a Chilian brig. set the main top gallant sail, and took it in again land in sight so ends these 24 hours.

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