

Ship, Napoleon Pacific Ocean, James A. Crowell Master.

Wednesday Dec 17th 1856

First part fresh Breezes from the E. S. E., heading N. E., employed setting up the main and Mizzen Rigging. Latter part squally, at 5 A. M. tacked to the Southward. Saw Porpoises, we are 23 months out to sea, and my little son if living is 18 months old. How I want to see them. Lat 4-54 Long 112-37

Thursday Dec 18th

First part pleasant Breezes from the E. S. E., heading to the Southward. Saw One Pin Back, Latter part fine, at 5 A. M. tacked to the N. E. Saw Squid. Lat 4-55 Long 113-05

Friday Dec 19th

First part fresh Breezes from the S. E., heading S. N. E. Two Men Sick with Colic, Latter part fine, at 5 A. M. tacked to the Southward. Lat 4-53 Long 112-21

Saturday Dec 20th

First part pleasant Breezes from the E. S. E. heading to the Southward, at 5 P. M. tacked to the N. E., Latter part fine, at Noon tacked to the Southward. Lat 4-51 Long 112-00

Sunday Dec 21st

First part pleasant Breezes from the E. S. E. heading to the Southward, Latter part fine. We are now about to change our Cruising ground, for it looks very dark here. We are now three months out and have seen whales but twice. But we have been very fortunate to get 160 Bbls. Lat 5-15 Long 112-31

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Monday Dec 22nd 1856

First part pleasant Breezes from the S. E., heading S. E. we saw Bramble, Latter part fine. Employed repairing a Main Mast Sail, and setting up the Mizzen Rigging. Lat 4-50 Long 113-27

Tuesday Dec 23rd

First part pleasant Breezes from the E. S. E., heading South, at 4 P. M. bent another Main Mast Sail, Latter part fresh Breezes. Lat 4-49 Long 113-57

Wednesday Dec 24th

Fresh Breezes from the Eastward, heading S. S. E. I wonder who will fill me stocking with good things if I should hang it up. Oh! I fear I should like to be at home now. Latter part strong Breezes, fill up my stocking. Lat 4-47 Long 113-49

Thursday Dec 25th

I wish you all a merry Christmas my Dear Ones. Two years ago to day I was with those I love best. But now where are they all. This is rather a hard lot, but we have been poor. First part strong Breezes from the Eastward, heading by the wind to the S. S. E. Latter part fresh Breezes. I should have enjoyed a Dinner with you at home very much. Our Dinner consisted of Salt Beef, Mutton, Sweet Potatoes, Guff and Gravel Sauce. I would have given more to have seen my boy, kissed him, and got a scratch or bite from Joe than for the whole of it. Lat 4-46 Long 113-44