

Off Cape Horn

November 1844

Friday the 29th

Commences with a strong gale at meridian cooled down took in the fore sail & spanker last reefed the main topsail the gale increasing mid Part the wind W by W heading S at 6 o'clock the wind changed to the S by W Lat Part at 9 o'clock wore ship & set the fore sail & spanker & commenced voyaging heading W so ends

Saturday the 30th

Commences with a strong breeze employed at voyaging mid Part the same at 2 o'clock finished & made sail the wind S the ship heading W by S W Lat Part sowed down 15 bbls of sperm oil between decks & barked out water so ends this Day in Lat 56-21 S Long 65-39 W

December 1844 Sunday the 1st

Commences with a light breeze from the S employed at getting out water & washing ship at 7 o'clock saw Bernabean islands mid Part squally weather Lat Part the land set in sight light winds from the S by W at meridian Cape Horn in sight bearing W by S dist 20 miles so ends this Day in Lat by observation 55-43 Long 67-00 W

Monday the 2nd

Commences with light winds from S by W employed at taking up by the Cape mid Part a strong gale from the W by W at 10 o'clock took 2 reefs in the fore topsail 1 in the main & 1 in the mizzen at 2 o'clock took the second reef in the main top sail at 5 took in the jib fore top sail main sail mizzen top sail & spanker Lat Part at 11 set the main top mast stay sail & spanker so ends this Day in Lat 56-34

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Tuesday the 3rd

Commences with a strong gale from the S W the ship heading S by E mid Part the same Lat Part rather more moderate weather so ends this Day

Wednesday the 4th

Commences with cape horn weather & no mistake mid Part & Lat much the same making sail & taking in is all the go so ends this Day

Thursday the 5th

Commences with a light gale from W by W with thick rainy weather the ship heading W by W at 4 o'clock out of a reef all round set the jib & spanker mid Part strong squalls & calms Lat Part strong winds from S by W heading W by S so ends this Day in Lat 56-55 Long 65-30

Friday the 6th

Commences with strong winds from S by W heading W by S at 2 P.M. doubled reefed the three topsails mid Part strong winds from S by W all sail set Lat Part strong winds at 10 o'clock in the main royal flying jib fore main & mizzen top galant sails so ends this Day in Lat 57-14 S Long 66-33 W

Saturday the 7th

Commences with strong wind from W by W heading S by W mid Part moderate Lat Part winds from the N by E ship going at the rate of ten knots so ends this Day in Lat 57-15 Long 68-28 miss O E P

Sunday the 8th

Commences with strong winds from the W by W heading W by W mid Part strong winds ship heading W under a heavy press of canvas Lat Part the same so ends this Day in Lat 57-32 Long 69-58