

Off Massafuero

April 1845

Friday the 4th

Commences with strong winds from the N^W at 2 P^m the wind changed to the S^W with rain & sails in sight Mid & Lat Parts much the same so ends this Day

Saturday the 5th

First Part light winds from the N^W at 8 P^m spoke the ship Young Hero of Montserrat 42 months out with 500 bbls of sperm oil and the Minerva Smith of New Bedford 15 months out with 2300 bbls 150 sp Mid & Lat Parts nothing of note so ends this Day

Sunday the 6th

First Part light winds from N^W & 2 ships in sight Mid Part spoke the ship May of Old Town 4 1/2 months out clear Lat Part light winds from the Northward 1 ship in sight so ends this Day

Monday the 7th

First Part light winds from the N^W ship heading to the Eastward saw a large English Frigate Mid Part nothing of note Lat Part employed at breaking out shooks so ends this Day in Lat 31-48

Tuesday the 8th

First Lat light winds employed as above & hard employment too Mid and Latter Part moderate as above Employed at various jobs of ships duty and setting up shooks &c saw a number of small fish to end this Day Lat 32-07

Wednesday the 9th

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Commences with pleasant weather & light airs from the Southward Ship all sail set by the wind heading W^{SW} Employed in setting up fore Rigging the Cooper Employed in setting up Shooks Mid & Latter Part employed at various jobs of ships duty the Cooper employed at setting up shooks so ends this Day in

Thursday the 10th

First Part light winds from the southward employed as above Lat Part fresh gales from the southward ship heading to the Eastward Massafuero in sight bearing S^W by S at 11 P^m the vessel ship heading to the Westward with a head boat see the Cooper employed at setting up shooks so ends this Day in Lat 34-02

Friday the 11th

First Part light winds from the S^W with rain & small ship heading W^{SW} employed at ships duty Cooper employed at setting up shooks at noon down double reefed the topsails Mid Part light winds from S^W ship heading S by the wind Massafuero bearing S^W by S Lat Part light winds from S^W ship heading S^W by the wind all hands employed at setting up shooks so ends this Day no Observation

Saturday the 12th

First Part light winds from the S^W ship heading S^{SW} at 1 P^m the vessel ship heading E^{SW} by the wind Massafuero in sight bearing E by S Latter Part fresh breezes from S^W Ship by the wind heading East with Top Gallant sail in So ends Massafuero distant 2 leagues saw a number of small Birds