

Command Cruise of the

Bk. Santa America 1846 from Mass.

Nov 13th. Weighed anchor about 1 o'clock this morning with a light breeze, and set sail out of the Oahu Passage. These watches at midnight, there being but few forward who came out in the ship, having shipped eight foremast hands, and a black mate, at Lahaina.

Nov 13th. Light wind all day, and decided amongst the islands. A little wind towards night and steering to the Southward, put the chains below, and the anchors on the bows, washed decks at 4 o'clock as usual.

Nov 14th. Becalmed nearly all day, set main royal, and fore topmast standing sail this morning.

Nov 16th. Took the bow-boat in at deck this morning to repair; painted the boats; not much doing, and but little wind.

Nov 17th. Fair wind to day for the Southward.

Nov 18th. A good stiff breeze all day. Wind about probably the true wind.

Nov 19th. Wind good all day, took in all the light sails, last night, and single reefed the fore top sail; sent down the fore top, gallant sail to main it; chose boats crews after supper. I belong to Mr Porter's, the bow-boat, formerly, the waist boat.

Nov 20th. A good breeze; steering about S. by E. sent up the fore top gallant sail this forenoon. Lat 13° 44' N.

Nov 21st. A fine breeze all day; mending sail, steering about S. by E. on the wind; took in the light sails, and double reefed the fore top sail last night.

Nov 22nd. Took the reefs out of the fore top sail this morning; good breeze all day; a little rain this afternoon.

Nov 23rd. Plenty of rain last night; not much wind this forenoon, but a good breeze in the afternoon; took in the flying jib; squally and rainy, Lat 8° 31'

Nov 24th. Squalls, calms, and rain all night. The same through the day; mending a jib this afternoon. Lat 8° 01' N, heading S. by W.

Nov 25th. A good breeze this forenoon, squally and rainy; took in the gaff topsail and top main stay sail this forenoon. A good breeze all the afternoon; set all sail, but took in the flying jib at sundown; mending sail all day. Lat 7° 07' N.

Nov 26th. A fine breeze all the time. Steering about S. by W. Lat 5° 54' N, sent in the jib this afternoon.

Nov 27th. The wind hauled a little last night so that she heaved up. S. by E. raised a sail this morning on the weather quarter, overhauling us all day; set up the main stay, and topmast back stay this forenoon; mending a jib in the afternoon. Lat 4° 32' N.

Nov 28th. The other ship passed us last night, and is four or five miles ahead this morning. Lat 2° 5'

Nov 29th. Good weather, and a fine breeze, steering S. by E. Lat 0° 34' S, when we are again in North latitude, we shall be thinking of seeing "Yankee Land" soon; duff to day.

Nov 30th. A good breeze, and fine sailing, pretty fair considering our rough bottom. Lat 2° 43' S. December 1st. Same as yesterday; not much going on. Lat 5° 14' S.

Dec 2nd. Same as before. Lat 8° 10' S.

Dec 3rd. A moderate breeze. Lat 10° 14' S, mended and set fore top sail to day and bent it at 4 o'clock.

Dec 4th. Very little wind; mending sails; wet hold at 4 o'clock. Lat 11° 53' S.

Dec 5th. Nearly a calm all night. Lat 12° 53' S.

Dec 6th. Light winds all day.

Dec 7th. The same; mending sails; wet hold.

Dec 8th. A calm all day; some rain in the afternoon; mending sails.

Dec 9th. Calm all day. Lat 15° 7' S.

Dec 10th. Very little wind; mending sails. Lat 15° 37' S.

Dec 11th. Lat 15° 31'. Weather the same, with occasional squalls. Lat 16° 11' S.

Dec 12th. Squally and rainy, and but little wind.