

Ship Omega. Steering Towards Cape Horn. A.D. 1850

13 MARCH. 1850. Thursday 28

Commences with a brisk breeze from the West. all sail out Course East by the compass making a Main top Gallant Sail at 4 P.M. took in the Mast head

Middle part wind increasing took in the Lower Staying Sail at daylight took and Squally took in the light Sails

Letter part a strong breeze and every appearance South 45-55 of blowing on the Omega during the night. She was before the wind and that is thin about 1/2 knots under as much Canvas as she will steer with

Friday the 29th

First part of this 24 hours a brisk breeze from the Westward at 3 P.M. the lower hinder to S. West in a small boat in the evening at 5 P.M. set the Main top Gallant Sail

Middle part a strong breeze from the S. West with more and then a little squally to change the scene

Letter part more moderate wind from the same point set all sail that will draw Steering East by 45-50 knots the watch employed making a Main top Gallant Sail

Saturday the 30th

First part of this 24 hours a moderate breeze from the Westward all sail out Course East at 5 P.M. finished and the Main top Gallant Sail employed getting up Mast at sunset commencing an Squally took in the Staying Sail and Main top Gallant

Middle part a strong breeze and Squally at daylight more moderate set the Staying Sails Course East by 45-50

139.15 Letter part fine Course East

Homeward Bound. A.D. 1850.

MARCH. Sunday the 31st

First part of this 24 hours a brisk breeze from the West. S. West. Course East all sail out at sunset took in the Staying Sails it being some Squally

Middle part wind increasing more westerly set all sail Course East at daylight a moderate breeze

Letter part much the same employed the same as before Steering Sails and keeping the Sails at 45-48 making steady and somewhat Squally S. West the last day 135-50 of Main

APRIL 1850. Monday the 1st

First part of this 24 hours a moderate breeze from the Westward Course East Steering Sails set at 4 P.M. covered away one of the top mast Staying Sails took and split the sail and night's thickening up and hoisting in the light Sails

Middle part a brisk breeze at 10 P.M. the wind backed to the South set the Sails and Main Course at daylight the wind freshening at 1 P.M. set the Staying Sails and Main top Gallant

South 46-55 Letter part thick and clear set the Staying Sails Course East 131-50 Sails and Sails employed accordingly

Tuesday the 2nd

First part of this 24 hours a brisk breeze from the West all sail out Course East at 5 P.M. making Squally took in light Sails

Middle part moderate breeze from the South West all sail

Letter part moderate breeze a new Main top Gallant Sail and took the one we wanted and set it forward as a fore top Gallant Sail to Ende at more moderate breeze from the Westward and cloudy weather all appearance of rain no observation