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In the Port of VASSAL Western Australia

Wednesday March 13th 1861

employed to day getting ready to receive ship. at 5 PM shut up ship. all hands sleeping on deck during the night. spent the evening on board of the Bark Ocean Rover. where I had a slight = mite

Thursday March 14th 1861

called all hands at daylight and opened the ship. employed through the day in our job. this morning the Ship Pioneer and the Ocean Rover sailed at 6 AM the Ship Draper

Friday March 15th 1861

this morning commenced very pleasant. called all hands and washed of decks. at 1 PM received some Ladies on board from the shore. one of the Ladies

Saturday March 16th 1861

at 9 AM the Starboard Watch went ashore. I went to day in Mr Hazard's place. I enjoyed myself to day very much. Mr Hamblen and myself took some horses and went out in the country. and spent most of the day. at night came aboard about 11 PM. the Starboard watch employed setting up the J. & M. Back Stays.

Sunday March 17th 1861

this day the Starboard Watch went ashore. Mr Hazard going in my place. this morning I feel quite uncomfortable at 9 AM took an emetic which operated very fast. at 2 PM felt quite comfortable finished my letter

Monday March 18th 1861

employed the fore part of this day setting up the J. & M. Back Stays middle part employed setting up the J. & M. in Topmast rigging and the Topmast rigging

Tuesday March 19th 1861

this day commenced with a fresh breeze from the southward. nothing worth of notice through the day

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At sea on the Western coast of New Holland

Wednesday March 20th 1861

this day commenced with a light breeze from shore. at daylight called all hands and hove short on the chain. about 10 AM the Captain came on board. about 11 AM got under way stowed the cables and lashed the anchors and washed of decks. Bark under all sail steering by the wind heading to the Westward

Thursday March 21st

commenced with a light breeze from the Southward. all sail set steering by the wind heading to the Southward and Westward. at 6 PM. chose the men into the 1st 1st (chose that we had shift last night in number) in the place of those that deserted. we had nine to do the watch here. at night shortened sail standing on watches during the night. at 9 PM I was quite seasick and I came down from aloft. lost all of my breakfast whilst aloft. it being the first time that I have vomited this voyage. last voyage I was 61 days out before I was seasick

Friday March 22

commenced with a fresh breeze all sail set steering to the Southward & Westward at night shortened sail. the officers taking all night on. the boat steers heading the Weather. at 11 PM set whole topsails at 12 PM double reefed and hauled mainmast and jib. later part moderate gale from the S. W. steering to N. W. so ends

Saturday March 23rd 1861

commenced with a moderate gale from the S. W. steering to the N. W.

Sunday 24th Monday 25th moderate gale from the S. W. steering N. W. with double reefed topsails

Tuesday March 26th 1861

commenced with a moderate gale from the S. W. steering N. W. Bark under double reefed topsails at 5 PM. gave up with the Park Drago. 35 miles out 12 PM. from one whale this season.