

Bark Cicola 3rd at sea February 12th 1859

Tuesday February 12th 1859

These twenty four hours have been very fine with a good steady breeze from the S. S. E. this morning at sunrise raised third sail on the weather quarter all steering about the same course one of the ships is now on our weather beam she is a very large ship and looks like an English merchant ship the other we are bearing astern. The mate, second mate this forenoon busy capping and covering the gibs and 3rd gibs. this afternoon had a hand at it for two hours and then went aloft, the mate and boatsteerer finished, between four and five washed of the deck. Cooker made a boat kigg for the Starboard boat. Some of the crew cleaned the Mincing machine and painted it.

Course S. W. Wind S. S. E. and steady

Thursday February 13th 1859

This day commenced with a fine steady breeze from about S. S. E. and strong this morning saw a sail on our weather quarter Middle very strong breeze and cloudy. Latter part more moderate and clear, and nothing in sight, this day being Sunday no work going on.

Course S. S. E. Wind S. S. E. and light

Took a meridian observation
 Lat 3° 10' South
 Long 25° 00' West

30° 00" PD
 12 D X F
 33° 49' PD
 31° 33' A
 3° 14'
 13° 24' Dec
 3° 10' South

Monday February 14th 1859

This day commenced with a fine steady breeze from S. S. E. and clear, commenced and set up the lower main rigging and topmast and topgallant backstays. this afternoon set up the main topmast and part of topgallant rigging. Saw a sail on the weather beam and one on the lee bow did not get near enough to exchange signals, about noon saw a large beach on the bow but did not see any more of it.

Wind about S. S. E. and steady

Lat 7° 16' South

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Tuesday February 15th 1859

This day commenced with a strong breeze and squally from the S. S. E. this morning commenced work in the main rigging. Middle part put poles for rattling down, strong breeze, the second mate at work in the rigging, this afternoon putting on the rattles but did not quite finish. Nothing been in sight. Very strong breeze the bark going about on an average of eight miles an hour, the second mate run his line. Nothing very remarkable occurred only the usual routine of sea life.

Full and by

Lat 9° 41' South

Wednesday February 16th 1859

This day commenced with a fine steady breeze from S. S. E. and very clear. The starboard watch finished rattling down both sides of the lower main rigging. This afternoon the Port watch turned on and set up all the rigging fore and aft and got through about five o'clock. the wind has moderated down so it is almost a calm. This noon we were sight under the sun which made the Latitude equal to the declination. There has been nothing in sight except a few flying fish to day. Very light wind. Main royal cut.

By the wind.

Lat 12° 23' South

Thursday February 17th 1859

These twenty four hours have been very pleasant and warm this morning commenced and set up foretopmast and topgallant rigging, about noon saw a beach to windward about but never saw it after noon. Nothing much this afternoon doing till after four o'clock when hoisted the main top sail and mainsail over, and pumped ship. Light breeze from S. S. E. and very clear.

By the wind

Lat 13° 30' South