

Strong Gale from S.W.

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Buckingham from West

Mediate Sale June 2, 1771

Wednes. day March 2^d 1859

This has been a very unpleasant day a strong gale blowing from the South West with very heavy squalls. There has been no work carried on for the boat is very heavy and takes a great deal of water on deck she is the most uncomfortable vessel that I have been in. This afternoon to pass away the time put a bail to my boat bucket and the mate and George made a covering for the Planing Machine. The bark is under close reefed maintop sail. Foresail. Foretopmast stay sail and fore and Mizzen stay sails and making about four knots an hour.

Nothing in sight. 60 days out

Thursday, March 3^d 1859

These twenty four hours commenced with a light breeze made sail and headed our course. Middle part very strong breeze and it hauled into the westward, called all hands and reefed the two topsails and reefed the courses. Latter part freshed the Mainsail. This fore noon set up the main totemast back stags and main to gallant rigging blowing pretty heavy, and the bark shifts a good deal of water. About five had a squall and the wind hauled to the South and again. The bark is now under close reefed Fore and Main Topsail and fore sail reefed. Fore and Mizzen stay sails. The head of the gale has been from the Westward.

Nothing in sight. 61 days out

Friday March 4th 1859

Then twenty four hours have passed off about the same as the last with not quite so much wind have had out the same sail with the jib. there has been a very heavy sea running but now it is a little more moderate and the sky looks as though we might have better weather. This forenoon got all our potatoes on deck and picked out the sound ones and thrown the rest overboard. After tea this afternoon started with the second mate and myself hauling stuff for a few mts.

Nothing in sight

Saturday March 5th 1839

This has been quite a pleasant day, the wind moderated down after twelve to a gentle breeze, at daylight we ship and made sail. This forenoon commenced to cattle down the harbour. Bergen rigging, saw a small school of Porpoises. This afternoon finished me side of the rigging. There has been quite a number of birds around. Gulls and Mollzmoths. The weather is getting to be quite cool. This noon we were in the latitude of the river Rio de la Plata, which is considered a very good cruising ground for *Speron* ¹⁷⁴⁷ *Wales*.

Wind about S
63 days out
Lat. 35° 06' South

Sunday March 5th 1859

This day commenced with thick foggy weather and a very light wind. At sunrise it cleared off very pleasant and warm. The wind all died away which made it very uncomfortable as there was quite a heavy swell on and no wind to keep her steady. This day being Sunday no kind of work going on. This afternoon saw a few Grampuses also a dolphin and a Gunfish. Nothing in sight at sunset.

Calm. 64 days out.

Monday March 7th 1859

This day commenced with a strong breeze from the North West and clouds. This morning had all hands to break out the main hatch after a cask of sails, took out a new Foretop sail, jib and Topgallant sail and then stowed off again, also unbent the old topsail and jib and bent the new ones in their place. This afternoon the Starboard watch employed about the deck, the Second mate and Boatster rattling down the Starboard Mizen, rigging, struck two Porpoises but did not save them very strong breeze the bark averaging about 9 knots an hour.

Nothing in sight 85 days out