

Saturday March 19th 1859

These twenty four hours commenced with a very light breeze from the Eastward and hazy weather. This morning the wind hauled into the Northward and commenced to breeze up. It has been thick about all day and now (at 6 P.M.) strong breeze and looks like rain. Jaded the Mainsail, Spunker and Gaff Topsail. No work of any account going on today. Made heads all day until about four P.M. when called down. Large quantities of birds around the bark and considerable kelp. We now have a fine breeze and making about nine miles an hour.

Course South by West. Wind North

77 days out

Sunday March 20th 1859

This day commenced with a very strong wind from the Northward with thick rainy weather had all the watch on the lookout as we expected to make the land. About half past five A.M. took in the light sails and reefed the Topsails blowing very heavy. About noon the wind moderated very fast toward the reef cut and made all sail the wind having hauled two points to the westward. At about ten the clouds cleared away and saw land three points on the Starboard bow about fifteen miles off. It is one of the Falkland islands. We made the run of 210 miles (as by log) the last 24 hours. It is now (7 P.M.) nearly calm what little wind there is comes from the S.E.W.

78 days out

Wind S.E.W.

Monday March 21st 1859

This day commenced with a very light wind from the S.E. and gradually hauled into the Westward about noon had the bark hoisted under reefed fore sail and close reefed Main topsail. from 12 until 2 P.M. it blew very heavy and then began to moderate. very clear weather. Since 4 P.M. made sail gradually still blowing hard. Saw some sprouts to windward but could not make out what they were.

Wind W. and a heavy sea running

79 days out

Tuesday March 22nd 1859

This day commenced with a very strong breeze from the S.W. by W. and very clear weather and quite cold. Middle part the same. Latter part it commenced to get cloudy and the wind moderated considerably and began to haul in towards the S.W. where we may expect a blow. According to the Latitude and Longitude Staten island bears about on the Starboard beam. Since last night we have carried sail very hard and made the distance of one hundred miles with the wind S.W. by W. steering S.W. by W. which we call a good days work. At 7 P.M. barometer falling and the watch shortening sail.

Wind baffling

80 days out

Wednesday March 23rd 1859

These twenty four hours have been very disagreeable being very squally and cold. raised a sail nearly as stern on the same tack that we are in the middle watch last night reefed the topsails and took in the mainsail. This forenoon had a very heavy hail squall and close reefed the fore topsail. the wind from S.W. by S. This afternoon very squally the wind also hauled to S.W. by W. and blowing pretty hard. The sail in sight on weather gauge.

Wind S.W. by W.

81 days out

Cold wet and disagreeable shows out tonight

Thursday March 24th 1859

These twenty four hours have been a little better than the last commenced very foggy, wet and disagreeable until the sun rose when it cleared off quite pleasant with a strong breeze. turned reef cut and made sail. the wind from W.S.W. This afternoon at work in the cabin and some of the hands breaking out wood in the fore hold. The wind has hauled into the westward and looks threatening the bark is on the starboard tack. have made several tacks today trying to get to the westward.

Wind West. making S.E.W. or east.

82 days out

quite a heavy swell from W.

Made the Falkland Island Port will be nearly dead at noon

Fresh gale from S.W. by W. to S.W. by S

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