

Cruising off St. Helena

Remarks on board Tuesday June 2nd 1863

This day commenced with fine weather and a moderate breeze from the S.E. at 12 o'clock kept the ship off S.W. by E. until sundown then luffed to the wind on the Starboard Tack land bearing S.W. by E. distant 15 miles middle and latter part fine with a moderate breeze from E.S.E. at 11 A.M. spoke bark Josh. Bragdon Cpt. Spencer of New Bedford

Remarks on board Wednesday June 3rd

This day commenced with fine weather and moderate breeze from E.S.E. ship with single reefed topsails land bearing S.W. 20 miles distant at 4 o'clock Cpt. Spencer came on board and we had a general gun middle part weather about the same ship by the wind latter part fine at day light all sail

Remarks on board Thursday June 4th

This day commenced with fine weather and moderate breezes from the S.E. at 4 P.M. toward the Starboard boat and the Capt went on board the Joshua Bragdon middle and latter part of fine ship by the wind with all sail at 10 A.M. kept the ship off in ends this day of our loss

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Remarks on board Friday June 5th 1863

This twenty four hours commenced with fine weather and light winds ship under all sail running off North and westward at 2 o'clock past James town then luffed the ship to the wind saw several ships lying at anchor at sun down hoisted light sails middle part fine latter part good weather with moderate breezes from S.E. at day light made all sail

Remarks on board Saturday June 6th

This twenty four hours commenced with fine weather and moderate winds from the S.E. ship by the wind with all sail set at sun down hoisted light sails land bearing S.W. about 25 miles distant middle part fine and strong breezes latter part fine weather with moderate winds from the S.E. at day light set more sail and lay by employed repairing main topsail

Remarks on board Sunday June 7th

This day commenced with fine weather and moderate breezes from S.E. ship by the wind with all sail set took the light sails in at sun down land bearing N.W. distant 30 miles one whale ship in sight middle part fine with moderate breezes latter part commenced with cloudy weather and strong breeze at day light set the more sail at 11 A.M. double reefed topsails