

Ship Petrel Cruising 1856
Tuesday 1st Jan 1856

1st. Most wind & heading to the S
painting Ship inside under short
Sail, I would rather get a whale
Middle post fine, latter part strong
gales. painting Ship. smoked a cigar
last night. Lat 40.2

Wednesday 2nd Jan 1856
2nd Fine strong breezes painting Ship
heading to the S, smoked a cigar
last eve, go good I feel much better
without them, no pain in the chest
& stomach, rising of phlegm & spotting
Middle post fine latter do painting
Ship to Lat 34.8

Thursday 3rd Jan 1856
3rd Fine wind & heading to the S all
top sails & jib painting Ship to
Middle post fine latter do painting
fore & main masts & to Lat 33.7
Long 141.00

Friday 4th
4th Fine wind & heading to the S all sail
set at 2 more to the S main by sails
set, Middle post strong gales latter do
saw devil fish, saw a ship Lat 5.15

Saturday 5th Jan 1856
5th Strong gale rose to the S, at 6 rose to
the S Middle post fine latter do
strong gales rose to the S Lat 2.2

Sunday 6th
6th Strong trades heading to the S top
sails set, Middle do rose to the S
latter do all sail set Lat 34.0
Long 141.14

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Monday 7th Jan 1856

7th Fine wind & heading to the S main by
sail set, Middle post fine latter do
all sail set Long 140.08 Lat 7.47

Tuesday 8th Jan 1856
8th Fine heading to the S all sail set,
Made Tattala Island at 4 ticked to
the S 2 miles from the land, then
30 miles to the West, about 6 by 8 from
Tattala plays a sand spit 10 miles dist
Middle post fine lying aback
off & on latter post most run around
Roberts Island Lat 8.11

Wednesday 9th
9th Fine wind & to the S heading to the S
all sail set, at 6 rose to the S off
Kukihawa & Motuety Is., Middle
post fine calm, smoked 2 cigars last eve, &
was almost immediately taken with pain in
the chest & lungs, such as I have not felt be-
fore since leaving of smoking, so adieu forever
to habitual smoking, latter post most heading
to the S, sick head ache Lat 8.29

Thursday 10th
10th Fine light winds from the S heading
to the S passed Motuety Is., Middle
post fine calm latter do Lat 9.09

Friday 11th Jan 1856
11th Fine wind light from the S, at eve calm
15 miles from the land Middle post most
latter do at 10 pulled in shore Lat 9.09

Saturday 12th
12th Fine post in shore at 2 got on Board could
not land, lying off the shore, Middle post party
latter do rain rain run to the land
of the land & lifted