

1866 Ship Petrel Bound to the East Sea
Tuesday 1st April 1866

1st, Breeze wind S W foggy & smoky
all sail set, steering S W by W
Reading, Thomas Hester of England
Middle post Mott, Latter fine wind S E
Lat 28 34

Wednesday 2nd April 1866
2nd Mott foggy wind S E low S W by W all sail
set, Beef & Pork to Middle post Mott thick
fog Latter post wind S E clear
Lat 30.20

Thursday 3rd April 1866
3rd Fine wind S low S W by W all sail set
clear & pleasant. Saw fin backs & Pillers
Middle post Mott Wind hauled round to the
N, Latter post wind S E strong gales. haul down
double reefed the top sails.
Lat 31.23

Friday 4th April 1866
4th Strong gales from the N E low S W by W double
reefed, at 4 hauled poles. Mott sail & Mott
top sail down, Middle post Mott wind S
E & Made sail Latter post fine wind
S E clear & pleasant, Built hen coop
Lat 33.18

Saturday 5th April 1866
5th, Fine wind S light airs & calm, Middle
post headed S W E, at 7 went to the W
heading S W, picking Beans Lat 34.06

Sunday 6th April 1866
6th Fine wind S low S W by W all sail set
at 6 wind S Middle post Mott wind
S E, Latter post a gale at 9 took in two
double reefed main top & fore sail, Blowing
heavy with a heavy sea & much rain wind S
Lat 35.23

Monday 7th April 1866
7th Heavy gale from the S steering N, took in
all sail & hove to heading to the E made 2
spence wind rising to the S W, at 4 a
furious gale took in fore spence a terrible
sea running, a distressing gale with every
thing aloft, at sundown abated, Middle post
more steady wind at W, Latter same abated
set main top sail at 9 hove to the S
heavy, running sea Lat 36.25

Tuesday 8th April 1866
8th Heavy gales at W S W heading, to the N double
reefed main top sail, set fore sail, Middle post
the same Latter post abated double reefed & courses
set wind S W, N S W
Lat 37.17

Wednesday 9th April 1866
9th Calm heavy swell, fitting up, Depositing cargo
cleared down, Middle post wind S E low S W by W set all
sail, at light double reefed top sails, heavy sea
running, at 10 luffed to at 12 took in main top
sail, turned up the Boat, wind rising to the W
sent down main royal & Mott by yards
Lat 38.18

Thursday 10th April 1866
10th Heavy gales from W S W heading, I lying by
under base poles at 4 wind S W by W heading, at 5
set main top & fore sails, Middle post Mott
Made sail heading W S W latter post strong gales
double reefed top sails
Lat 38.48

Friday 11th April 1866
11th Strong gales at N heading S W by W double reefed
cold & rugged, hail & snow, Middle post Mott
Latter do Made sail
Lat 39.20

Saturday 12th April 1866
12th Fine wind S heading to the E, calm, Middle post
fine light wind from the S E all sail set Latter do
Lat 40.22