

1837 Ship petrel off the Coast

Monday 20th April 1837

20th Fine wind at S W cor E by S 1/2 S all
sail set. Flying off 9, & 10 knots took in
fore by ~~the~~ sail. Looking for a pretty 6411
50 days. Middle part fine latter do
everything set. Wind W

Lat 56, 28

Tuesday 21st Long 76, 57

21st Fine wind S W cor E 1/2 E all sail set
the ship sails, all my thoughts is to get
home, & get settled off, clear of the
ship petrel. Want to see Lydia Ann
dreamed of seeing sister Fetta 2nd
Middle part fine latter do a sail ahead
all sail set

Lat 56, 38

Brig 69, 49

Wednesday 22nd Long 72, 10

22nd Fine wind S W cor E 1/2 E everything
set. passed & spoke the Danish Brig
Anna led Cecille of Apersnarde
from Chincha. Wished to be reported
24 days passed a large Bark beating to the W
from W. When I passed here before I was going
to meet a darling wife I was looking
for with pleasure to see meeting now
all is changed, unsettled, Middle part
fine latter do cor E 1/2 S at 7 saw
Cape Horn Bearing North fine breeze
from the S W

Lat 56, 27

Thursday 23rd Long 66, 40-21^m

23rd Fine wind S W cor E 1/2 E all sailers
set. Saw a ship Beating to the W all made
50 days Middle part smart gales latter do all sail
To Bedford set passed 2 ships on a course with us
cor E 1/2 S by S wind S W

Lat obs 54, 50

Long 61, 21 at 2 pm

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Friday 24th April 1837

24th Strong gales from the S W, S W cor E 1/2 S
all sail set at 2 took in main top & top galle
the sails cor E 1/2 S, Middle part closed
fine all sail latter part do Strong gales
from the S W everything set 1 ship in sight

Lat 52, 53

Saturday 25th Long 57, 50

25th Strong gales & squally rain wind S W
at 1 cor E 1/2 S all sailers a Bark on a course
with us dropping astern, dreamed I had a
pretty coat in bed with me, had effect Middle
part, squally snow, latter part same strong
gales, taking up Dicks sheeting & ~~the~~
ran the Bark down

Lat 50, 49

Sunday 26th Long 54, 21

26th Fine & strong gales at S W cor E 1/2 E every
thing set. Snow squalls taking up
sheeting & Middle part, latter do
light air from W. Broke the Barometer
fully confounded. 4 weeks since we made
sail

Monday 27th March

27th A squall from the S W plenty of snow
double reefed the top sails, wind fresh
to S W, set main royal at 3 down & reefed
hauled main sail & main top sail, a hard
snow squall, at 5 set main sail & main
top sail, Middle part strong gales main top
sail latter do, all sail set. squally &

Lat 45, 30

Tuesday 28th Long 50, 11

28th Strong gales & squally snow & hail wind S
to S W making & taking in curious weather
very disagreeable, Middle part smart latter do
fine light air all sailers, patched fore
top sail calm

Lat 43, 58 Long 48, 05