

Ship. Balena of New Bedford Capt Dorman
1856 Friday Feb 15th

Ship day comes in with light breeze from S.W. the ship steering in towards the Island of Massaquerra at 1 P.M. the Capt & Boats crew went in to catch fish & returned about sunset middle & latter part with light & variable employed repairing Mizen top sail. the Island

Saturday Feb 16th

Comes in with fresh Breezes from S.W. the ship steering to the S.E. middle & latter part saw Blackfish & porpoises ends with rain squalls - at noon Massaquerra bearing N. N.W. 30 miles

Sunday Feb 17th

This day comes in with fresh breezes from S.E. the ship standing to the E. S. E. at dinner wore ship to the S. S. W. latter part fresh Breezes saw fin backs. Lat 34.41 Long 80.48 W.

Monday Feb 18th

Comes in with fresh Breezes from S.E. the ship standing to E. S. E. at noon wore round & steered N. N. W. exchanged signals with an English Schoop of War. saw several fin backs. Lat 34.19

Tuesday Feb 19th

Comes in with moderate breeze from S.W. steering to the N. W. middle and latter part much the same. employed breaking out the after hold saw several vessels. Lat 34.27 Long 81.17

Wednesday Feb 20th

Comes in with fresh Breezes from S.W. the ship steering to the Westward middle and latter part hazy saw several vessels. employed setting up Head stays & ends with moderate breeze from the Westward at noon the Island bearing N.

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Feb 21st

This day comes in with fresh Breezes from S.E. the ship standing to the Eastward under double reef middle part much the same latter part moderate saw several vessels at noon Juan Hernandez bearing E. 35 miles

Feb 22^d

These twenty four hours strong Breezes from S.E. the ship standing to the Eastward under double reef latter part squally saw several vessels. employed setting up Shooks at noon Juan Hernandez bearing N. S. W. 45 miles

Saturday Feb 23^d

Ship day comes in with strong breezes from the Southward the ship standing to the E. under double reef top sails. employed setting up Shooks saw Blackfish. Lat 33.41 Long 76.21

Sunday Feb 24th

Comes in with fresh Breezes from S.E. the ship standing to the Eastward middle & latter part much the same saw a ship steering to the Northward. Lat 33.49 Long 76.32

Monday Feb 25

This day comes in with fresh Breezes from South East the ship standing to the S.W. under short sail saw a vessel standing to the Northward latter part moderate. saw no fish. employed setting up Shooks. Lat 34.08 Long 77.20

Tuesday Feb 26th

This day comes in with moderate weather and light Breeze from S.W. the ship on the Southern tack at 3 P.M. spoke the Bark. Eastern Star of Boston bound to Callao saw fin backs. employed setting up Shooks. Lat 35.35 Long 77.34. Sunday 77.40