

Ship Balacra making passage for Tulacana.

Thursday January the 7th 1858

Came in with light airs from the Northward. middle part fresh breezes with rain latter part Wind S.E. with rain nothing doing. Nothing in sight. Course S.E. latter part by the Wind southward. Lat. 36.30 S. Long 90.20 W.

Friday January the 8th.

Winds strong. Weather raw and threatening. Nothing of importance doing. Latter part saw a Sail. Wind S.E. Course by the Wind E. N.E. got some Lunar observations giving us 23.00 west of Chronometer. Lat 36.30. S. Long 90.18 W.

Saturday January the 9th

Moderate Winds and good Weather. Employed repairing the fore topgallant sail. saw two Sails steering Southward. Charles kept a new Shore Course. Sky is off duty sick. Wind S.E. Course by the Wind E. S.E. Lat. 36.14 S. Long 92.16 W.

Sunday January the 10th.

Winds light Weather fine. The Ship going by the Wind E. N.E. Nothing doing. To day exchanged signals with a English Bark bound S. Charles Sky is better. Wind W.E. Current. Lat. 35.49 S. Long 90.10 W.

Monday January the 11th

Came in with light Winds middle part. Calm. latter part light Breezes. Weather good. Employed as usually. Nothing in sight. Wind S.E. and E.S.E. the Ship heading E. N.E. and N.E. by the Wind. Charles The is on duty again. Lat. 35.24 S. Long 89.14 W.

Tuesday January the 12th

Winds light Weather fine. The Ship making several tacks Employed painting the fore and mizen mast. Nothing in sight. Wind E. and E.S.E. Course by the Wind working eastward. Lat. 35.20 S. Long 88.34 W.

Wednesday January the 13th

light Winds and calm Weather fine. Employed tarring Rigging. Nothing in sight. Wind E. Current. Course by the Wind S.E. Lat. 36.09 S. Long 88.20 W.

Thursday January the 14th

Moderate Breezes and fair Weather Employed tarring Rigging. Nothing in sight. Wind N. Course E.S.E. Lat. 37.01 S. Long 87.11 W.

Friday January the 15th

Strong Breezes at 4.00 at 8.00 Wind shifted to the S. blowing from the Ship going S.E. and E. Nothing doing and nothing in sight. Lat. 38.27 S. Long 84.48 W.

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Saturday January the 16th

Moderate Breezes and fair Weather. Nothing of importance doing. Nothing in sight. Wind S. Current. Course by the Wind Eastward. Lat. 38.26 S. Long 83.03 W.

Sunday January the 17th.

Came in with light airs from S. middle and latter part fine Breezes from S.S.W. Course E by S. Weather good. Nothing doing. Nothing of importance in sight. Lat. 38.52 S. Long 81.25 W.

Monday January the 18th

Strong Breezes with a heavy swell from the S. Weather cold and cloudy. Nothing doing. Nothing of importance in sight. Wind S. Current. Course E. Lat. 39.16 S. Long 77.38 W.

Tuesday January the 19th.

Came in with moderate Breezes latter part blowing a moderate Gale from S.E. the Ship going under double reefed topsails Course N.E. Nothing doing. The Water is colored some Barometer falling Weather clear. Lat. 38.59 S. Long 77.46 W.

Wednesday January the 20th

Came in and ended with a moderate Gale from S.E. the Ship heading N.E. at 7.00 kept off N.W. at 2.00 bore to the Westward. under double reefed Main top sail and fore sail at 3.30 p.m. made Abacha bearing N.E. Dist 30 m. Nothing doing. got some Lunar observations. proving the Chronometer correct. Lat. 37.28 S. Long 74.16 W.

Thursday January the 21st

Ship Balacra in Port. Came in and ended with a strong Gale from the S. fore and mizen part laid to latter part run for Carrachena. Nothing doing. and nothing in sight at Abacha bearing N.E. Dist 30 m.

Friday January the 22nd

Strong Breezes from S. the Ship heading up for Tulacana at 3.00 carried away the Main sail and Tibb bent new Sails as soon as possible. Came to anchor at 6.00 in 5 fathoms of water. The Steamer Palencia arrived the same time. Latter part employed getting Water.

Saturday January the 23rd

fore part got off a raft of Water and stowed the beam dunnage between decks in the evening the starboard watch went on shore. Master Parker stopped on shore William Cummins and Rob. Smith absent without leave. came on Board in the Morning latter part employed filling Water.