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Remarks On Board Bark Rascal

Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> 1848

These 24 hours commence with heavy gales from South & heavier squalls with thick & heavy rain the most of the time All hands employed in sending down top galin yards & making all preparations possible against the heavy gail which is still increasing Also sent down fore royal mast about early in the fore part of the Day took in the Close reef Main topsail the Fore Stairsail being already gone field the Close Mizzen the Top now leighing to under Fore & Main spencers At 5 Bent another Stairsail & tide up seven hanks of the Lead set it but it soon started from the rope hallid it down & roped it in the gale Decreed some from 4 to 7 After 7 it increased to great fury it seemed all most impossible for Any Gail to stand against it At 10 P.M. the Fore spencer blue to peaces & most of the rigging with it About 11 the Main spencer sheet gave away & the Gail flat with such violence that it was impossible to Command it & to save it from entirely going to peaces I ordered it cut from the Staps & it came on Deck but much injured About the same time the Mainsail chine from the gasketts & notwithstanding all effort was made to save it it blew to peaces & a part of the lee Bulworks was first off About the same time the Gaff topsail is also partly blown away from under the gasketts and the Rudder & Joints hav received some injury it is very evident that some of the Braces hav started by the work of the rudder & their may be still other Damages which as yet past by observation the gale continued to blow with great violence till 5 A.M. After that it moderated gradually & veared to the Westward gradually the high Easterly had mostly gone down the ship leighing under bare pole from 11 P.M. till 8 A.M. At 8 set the lee Blue of M. Topsail & Bob Stairsail At 10 the wind N.W. Ends with strong gales with Drizly rain & flying Skud Wind West Lat by an independant Obs 23.50 DO 49.10 By further Examination found that the Starb Check of the foremast started off it Considerable & the Shalper & some of the fanning gave away And A Considerable of the sheathing gone from the Starb Side forward of the gun way & from 3 to 8 or 8 feet below the water

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Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1848

All these 24 hours strong gales from N.W. to N.W.W. At 5 P.M. hallid home the weather Main topsail sheet later the wind hallid gradually to N.W.W. leighing to under Close reef Main topsail & top mast Stairsail on the Southern tack the most of the time squally with Drizly rain the most of the time & a high swell from the S.W. Lat Obs 23 18 Long 49.58

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

First part strong gales from N.W.W. mostly clear leighing to under Close reef M.F. Sail leded to South A high swell from S.W. Middle more moderate later Moderate from S.W. Steered N.W.W. under whole topsails All hands employed in various gabs spread all the Remnants of the Destroyed sails on board got topsail & found it badly injured so much so that I had to make it one half new repaired an Olde Boat for the waist Crains fitted a temporary Bow David Naild on A Considerable Chafing boards that had got washt off sent up Main J. & yard & bent the Sail & various other gabs Lat Obs 23.01 Long Merid 49.30

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hours light Moderate & Clear weather wind from S.W. to N.E. first part Steered West & N.W.W. by the wind later West All hands emp in various gabs of Ships Duty first part finesht & bent the Gaff topsail & commenced on the Main spencer later 5 men to work on the Mainspencer bent A new Mainsail & Rove all New rigging ripped up the remnant of Fore spencer & Fore topmast Stairsail & c & c Lat 23.05 Long Merid 48.54

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hours light breeze from N.E. fine clear weather first part Steered West & South Middle leded to S.E. under short Sail later to Eastward Southward & to West Saw A Ship steering N.W.W. past .5 miles off & saild down first part All hands employed finesht & bent Mainspencer put the waist Boat on the Crains Lat 23.29 Long Merid 49.44

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hours small breezes from N.W. to S.E. At 4 P.M. calm At 8 P.M. A light breeze from S.E. Steered N.W. under short Sail later Steered N.W. Watch emp in Ships Duty Scrubed off the Bens Latitude Obs 23.03 Long 49.28

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hours small breezes from S.E. to S.W. fine clear weather Steered N.E. & E.V. Middle under small Sail watch employed in various gabs of Ships Duty Printed the Borepail & gibooni Lat Obs 22.28 Long 49.35 Note hav emp 15 or 20 mb. westerly & went

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hours light Moderate weather wind S.E. Steered E.V. Middle under short Sail watch emp in Ships Duty So Ends & No whales Lat Obs 21 47 Long Merid 50.03