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Remarks On Board of the B. B. Massey
Sunday July 23rd 1840

Here 24 hours commence with small breezes from SE. At 1 P.M. Main Sail took my anchor & stood to the ENE by the wind under all sail hauled the ring of the anchors blast up to the catheads & the Bells blast up to the rails & lashed them solid. Middle small breezes from SE to SSE. Steered by the wind to ENE & East. Later moderate breezes from SSE headed East the land in sight & water green. Lat Obs 19° 41' Long Merid Obs 35° 36'

Monday 24th

First part fine breeze from South Middle & later fresh from SEW to South took inn fly gen. later took inn fore top galsail Course EBS. Lat Obs 19° 18' Long Merid 37° 30'

Tuesday 25th

All these 24 hours fresh breezes from South fine weather first part No top galsails Set #6 P.M. Set the Main later All Sail Set Course EBS. Lat Obs 18° 41' Long Merid 39° 22'

Wednesday 26th

First part lively breezes from South Middle. More moderate later light from SSE Course. Steered EBS. Later watch Emp mending & topsail. Lat Obs 18° 10' Long Merid 41° 20'

Thursday 27th

First & Middle of these 24 hours light breezes from SSE to SEW. Middle Set Studingsails later the wind hauled gradually to NE. At 10 tacked to ESE. At 11.30 saw a breach bearing EBS. Steered for it. Lat Obs 17° 23'

Friday 28th

Long Merid 43° 40'

Commences with light breezes from NE clear & fine. Saw a spout to leeward run for it but saw it no more. At 1.30 left to the wind to EBS. At 2.30 Calm. At 6. a small breeze from West. Set Studingsails. Steered East 20 miles then ENE moderate breeze during the night. At 1.10. Steered East & Calm. At Merid Lat Obs 16° 51' Long Merid 43° 34'. The Soundings agree with those on the chart.

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From Lafala Bay towards Boganna Bay for
Saturday July 29th ^{Thumpacks}

Commences Calm. At 2 A small breeze from NW. Steered East. Set Studingsails. At 4 A lively breeze ship speeds 5 miles per hour. At 5 lowered fore & 2 hump backs with out success took inn all Studingsails. At 6 the boats on board steered NE. Gounded every hour it shallding gradually from 25 fath to 16. At 10 had 16. At 11 had 10 fath. The ship had not gone more than 2 miles from 10 to 11 run. A dist of 15 miles from 6. At 11 left to the wind to SSE. Gounded & got 17 fath. The wind very light. stood on diff tacks & had from 13 to 17 fath. At daylight a smart breeze sprung up from the land. Steered NNE. At sunrise discovered Chesterfield Land Bank bearing NW. Dist 6 miles. It appeared to be about 1/2 of a mile in length with breakers extending some dist to the Westward. hauled up & set a high hump of land was also in sight to the SE on the Coast. Saw some 10 or 15 Thumpacks but being anxious to reach the Bay I improved the breeze & did not trouble them. The wind died gradually. At 11 Calm. the low land about the Cape in sight from Masthead & the Land bank out of sight. past through a hundred of whale fide & a great many schools of ship gacks. Lat Obs 16° 14' Long 49° 14' 13.56

Sunday 30th

Commences Calm. Cape St Andrew bore ENE Dist 15 miles. At 2 A small breeze sprung up from NW. Steered NE with All Sail Out. At 6 the Cape bore EBS per Compass Dist 12 miles. At 8 P.M. 18 fath water. Steered East. The wind hauled gradually to Southward. At 6 from SE the land in sight. At daylight had a lively breeze during the night & from 16 to 20 fath. At 4 No. bottom. At 8 tacked inn. Steered N. At 10.30 came past over a Coral patch 8 1/2 fath the least but soon came in to deeper water. Saw 2 hump backs & lowered for them without success. At 12 A calm. Lat 15° 48' 7 miles to North of the West Leadland. At the Entrance of Boganna Bay 15 fath water. Saw a number of hump backs the Cape bore EBS per Compass.

Monday 31st

First part A moderate breeze from NE & North fine clear weather. Steered along to Eastward. At 3 lowered for a whale without success. At 6.30 came to anchor in 13 fath water. The Entrance of the bay bearing EBS. At 6.30 the wind hauled off shore to SE. Set 6 watches. The boats were Cooper & Thip Kuper & Antonio Manuel from forward headed the watches & 2 men with each leader. At 6.30 the got under way with a light breeze from ENE & I stood inn to the Bay. At 9 A.M. saw a Cow & calf lowered 2 boats struck killed & at 30 minutes past Merid took her to the ship & anchored the ship inn 9 fathoms. Water the West Cape of the Bay bore NW Dist 3 1/2 miles & the East Cape ESE. Saw a number of conus about the bay.

