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Wednesday December 19th 1849 Lat 19° 46' Long 28° 35'

Pleasant, with fresh wind from the East Course South by west
made open yarn, and sunset Raglined down the main throat

Thursday 20th Lat 20° 31' Long 28° 38'

A fair wind from the East Course to by West sighted Island
of Trinidad at day light bearing $\frac{1}{2}$ to West distant 22 miles

Martin was distant 18 miles, bearing $\frac{1}{2}$ to West. Made fish lines and open
yarn till 9 o'clock we were then off Martin was lowered away Maist and

Boats for fishing. Boat returned at 3. Resumed our course steering S. E. by S
Friday 21st (Captain showed me how to better the sun for latitude)

Wind hauled to E. S. E. Course S. S. E. I here overhaul my reckoning and
keep regular sea days. That is from noon till noon Saturday beginning

at Friday noon and reckoning one day back calling Saturday 21st 1849
Saturday 21st

These 24 hours have been variable First part pleasant with light winds
2nd part squally with light showers 3rd the same Overhauled main lanyards

Broke out water to Wind variable from E. to S. E. Course to from S. to S. E. by S
Sunday 22nd

These 24 hours the wind has been steady and fresh from E. S. E. steering
S. E. by E. Made tooth for scrub broom. Washed clothes & bare

Monday 23rd

The first part pleasant with wind from E. S. E. steering S. E. by E. I do
the same for the wind fell at sunrise to a calm. Made masts for yards

Tuesday 24th

It has been almost a calm during the day at 4 P.M. the
wind shifted to north Course as yesterday. Took down fore

top sail and fastened reef points. Put up gal Room rigging
Today is Christmas and how many will be enjoying

themselves at home and we far away on the stormy ocean
Christmas Eve went in bathing. The first time I ever went swimming

Lat 20° 19' Long 31° 27' Wednesday 25th

The first part calm not a breath of air ruffled the face of the
stormy deep. But with an over reflex motion rocks our old ship

like a vast stable and the surface of the deep is like a vast mirror
reflecting objects on its surface. The first part ends Christmas and how

many melancholy reflections come around unbidden and unshared for
the year ago I was at home enjoying every pleasure that heart could

wish friends to cheer and schoolmates to greet with a merry
Christmas but now I am far away on the stormy ocean. Many thousand
miles intervene between this and my own happy home.

and there is nothing to cheer the heart or to please the eye and as it began
with a dance so it must end with one and the first part of the night is

taken up with pleasure & dancing. At 3 o'clock all hands turned to and went in
bathing. The 2nd part of the day breeze sprung up from East not East steering

3rd a broke out fish ~~and~~ ^{hook} and pork from after hatch coopered Bread &c.
Thursday 26th

These 24 hours have been pleasant with a good wind S. E. by E. Course S. E.
saw a school of sperm whale close by the ship at 11th P.M. lowered

away and shared till dark and got nothing. At 4 P.M. sent a man up looking
Friday 27th Lat 32° 12'

Cloudy with some rain with wind North Course S. E. saw whale breaching

Saturday 28th

The first part of the day pleasant with light winds from the N. E. S. E.
2nd the same till 10 o'clock when it commenced to rain hard. Banded till 3

At 6 A.M. wind shifted to S. W. Course S. E. Continued cloudy fresh
Can't keep sea days don't agree Saturday afternoon 29th

The wind lulled and at 11 at night it was a dead calm no steering
Sunday 30th

At 1 A.M. the wind hauled S. E. by E. with a light breeze steering
S. E. for noon cloudy. In the Afternoon the wind hauled N. E. by E.

course S. E. Continued cloudy during the day Saw Whales breach
Monday 31st 1849

To day course & wind as yesterday continued cloudy at 4 P.M.
the wind changed to N. W. Course S. E. by E. Continued cloudy

At 10 in the Evening it commenced raining hard wind freshened
Today is the last of another year spent in folly. No good done

to myself or any body else but I am determined not to spend another like
it. Saw a sea Lion & a Blue Jay and right whale birds to day

Albatrosses were far around the ship several days
Appearance of Tristan & Neuhma at
the distance of 20 Leagues at sunset

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Tristan & Neuhma as seen from the ship
close in to land

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