

Remarks on board Barque Sappho

Thursday Dec 23-1852

First part laying at anchor all hands being on board but two that deserted. Wind from W.W. blowing a heavy gale so that we could not go to sea.

Friday Dec 24-1852

First part strong gales from W.W. Middle part the same. Latter part more moderate. At 4 o'clock hove up our anchor and stood out to sea with passing squalls of wind and rain from the Westward.

Saturday Dec 25-1852

First part strong gales from W.W. heading S.W. & W. At 4 o'clock took in all the light sails at 1 o'clock double reefed the topsails. The Island of Chiloé bearing W. by S. Dist 12 miles. At 7 o'clock took in the mainsail. Middle part at 12 o'clock more ship heading W.W. Latter part more moderate made some sail. At 4 o'clock put the 3 deserters in the rigging and then called all hands aft to witness punishment and then the Captain struck them 5 times a piece with red wire. And then cut them down. The Island of Chiloé bearing S. by E. Dist 4 miles.

At 6 o'clock

Sunday Dec 26-1852

First part light air from S heading W. S.W. Under all sail. Middle part calm. Latter part light air from W steering W along the land.

Lat of Chiloé 42-28 S

Whirl Cruising around St. Carlos

Monday Dec 27-1852

First part light gales from W. steering S. At 4 o'clock hauled by the wind heading S. Saw San Carlos and Killers. At 7 o'clock saw the Island of Knaps bearing S. by E. Dist 20 miles. Middle part at 11 o'clock took ship heading of shore. Latter part at 3 o'clock took ship heading in shore. Saw San Carlos.

Lat of Chiloé 42-59 S

Tuesday Dec 28-1852

First part light gales from S.W. heading W. S.W. At 4 o'clock took ship to S. & E. Saw San Carlos. Middle part wind and weather the same. Latter part. Knaps Dist 20 miles several sails in sight. At 6 o'clock

Wednesday Dec 29-1852

First part light gales from S. S.W. heading W. S.W. Under all sail. Saw San Carlos 3 sails in sight. At sun down, shortened sail for the night. Island of Knaps bearing S. by E. Dist 15 miles. Middle and latter part wind and weather the same. At 6 o'clock

Thursday Dec 30-1852

First part light gales from S.W. steering S. W. At 4 o'clock spoke ship Constitution of San Francisco 4 months out. 140 tons of Sp. & Wharf oil. Middle part lying aback. Latter part strong gales 3 sails in sight.

Friday Dec 31-1852

First part strong gales from S. S.W. heading S. S.W. At 7 o'clock more ship ship to the S. & E. saw Knaps. Middle part Under double reef topsails. Latter part at 10 o'clock saw black fish toward the boats and took one along side.

Lat of Chiloé 43-20 S