

Off and on Norfolk Island

Friday Dec 15th Recruiting Ship
 Leaving off and on Sat 16th going Liberty &
 Norfolk Island Sun 17th
 in Company with - Monday 18th - Heinecke
 Adventure - Tuesday 19th - Robert Towns
 & Janet "Berques" Wednesday 20th
 Schoups. Shipped two men from Robert Towns
 on the last part of 20th so ends.

Thursday Dec 21st
 Pleasant and moderate breeze from S.E. at sunset
 land bearing S distant 20 miles. Wind part pleasant
 but part the same.

Friday Dec 22nd
 Pleasant and good breeze from S.E. at sunset Norfolk
 Island bearing S by W distant 35 miles. Wind part
 pleasant. but part do saw 2 whales & one fish.

Sat Dec 23rd
 Very pleasant light breeze from S.E. at sunset
 Norfolk Island distant 30 miles bearing S.W.
 Wind part light airs. but part do so ends.

Sunday Dec 24th
 Fine with light airs from every quarter saw a school
 of four fish at sunset land bearing S.E. wind part moderate
 but part do so ends.

Mon Dec 25th
 Weather fine with light breeze from E. at sunset
 land bearing S distant 10 miles. One sail in sight. Wind
 part do but part boat went in to the landing.

Tues Dec 26th
 Pleasant with calms and light airs. Boat returned
 from shore bringing a runaway who deserted a
 few days since. This is his 2nd attempt to
 escape during the voyage. Wind and lat part fine

Wed Dec 27th
 Pleasant with calms and light airs. Finbacks
 two sails in sight. Land bearing N. at sunset dis
 25 miles. Wind and lat part fine weather. Saw
 sperm whales about 7 A.M. however. Three sails
 in sight. so ends chasing.

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Thurs Dec 28th 1812
 Pleasant and light breeze from the Northward
 continued chasing during this P.M. whales
 very shy did not get within striking distance.
 Saw a ship supposed to be the St. Helena like
 whales along side and commencing cutting in
 three sails and Philip Island in sight. Wind
 and lat part fine so ends.

Friday Dec 29th
 Good breeze from the Eastward. Two
 sails and land in sight. Spoke the
 "Adventure" of Sydney. P.M. 10 months out
 80 Hls. Wind and lat part fresh breeze so ends.

Sat Dec 30th
 Fresh breeze from S.E. land in sight. Saw black
 fish. Wind and lat part strong breeze. One sail.

Sund Dec 31st
 Strong breeze from the Eastward. Wind part
 and lat part the same saw one sail.

Mon Jan 1st
 A happy new year to all. Strong breeze from S.E.
 gaining ship. Dublin Capt. Gordon
 three part finbacks gaining. but part
 strong breeze went down. Five whales for
 repairs it needing nearly 2000 in it
 saw one sail so ends.

Tues Jan 2nd
 Strong breeze from Eastward. Repairing the topmast
 Wind part strong breeze. but part mild moderate. Two
 sails in sight so ends.

Wed Jan 3rd
 Fine weather and light breeze from S.E. employed
 repairing fore top sail. Two sails in sight. Wind
 part fresh. Back Sydney Capt. Dufford
 of the "Providence" 50 months out 800 all told.
 but part calm & somewhat foggy
 one sail so ends.

Thurs Jan 4th
 Foggy and light breeze from the West
 steering S.W. Two sails in sight
 Wind part weather same. but part some S.E.
 steering S.W. by E. so ends.

