

86.

Barque Smyrna of New Bedford Mass.

387.

Gale.

Saturday Dec. 30th 1854.

Begins with brisk breezes from S. steering S. W. by N. with the top gallant sails out, at 5 P.M. hauled on the wind to the N. S. W. and double reefed the topsails, the Cape bearing N. E. by E. N. E. per compass, Dist. 15 miles, Cape of Good Hope bearing S. E. per compass, Dist. 20 miles, middle part laying on different tacks through the night, latter part fresh gale from the S. E. carrying double reefed topsails and foresail.

Do ends &c. Lat. By obs. 34° 46'. Long. By ϕ 17° 32' 15". Bar. 30.0. +.

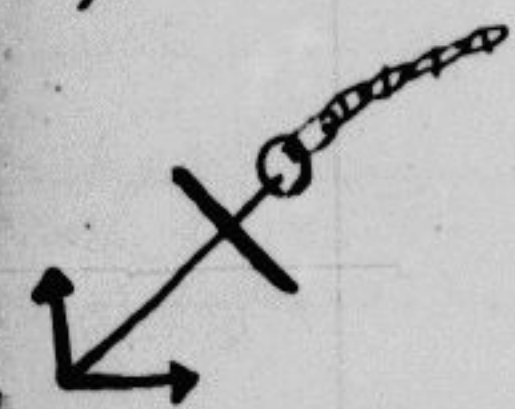
388.

1854 Closes.

Sunday Dec. 31st 1854.

Commences with fresh gale from the S. E. heading S. S. W. under double reefed topsails and foresail, middle part steering S. E. by N. under double reefed topsails and foresail, at daylight made sail and headed in for the land, bent the chains and put both anchors off the bow, at about noon hauled on the wind heading off shore, on account of a thick fog. Do ends &c. Land having been in sight is our Lat. & Long. for the day. Bar. 29.9.

389.



Monday Jan^y 1st 1855.

Begins with fresh breezes from the S. W. and very heavy fog at 2 P.M. tacked ship and headed in, at 3 P.M. tacked off again and shortened sail, no land in sight the fog still very heavy, Bar. 29.8, middle part laying off and on, latter part wind from the N. S. W. running in for the land, at about 10 P.M. came to anchor in Table bay and paid out 45 fathoms of chain. Do ends &c.

390 to 412.

Provide.

From Jan^y 2nd to 24th 1855. We have had a great many changes, part of the time pleasant weather and part of the time strong winds, twelve of the crew deserted, discharged one man and one boy stopped ashore that belonged here, sold 190 gallons of sp. oil, shipped fourteen men in place of the deserters and the man that was discharged then shipped two others so as to be able to man three boats in case there should be some sickness on board, and was accommodated by Capt. Millar of the Bark Cressy of London by his letting me have a man that has shipped as cooper, and now I have twenty-six men including myself, and think if we see a chance that we had ought to take some oil, and now we are about ready for sea after having had a great deal of trouble.

87.

Trying to Double the Cape of Good Hope. 1855.

413.

Thursday Jan^y 25th 1855.

At about noon I came on board with the papers ready for sea. Do ends &c. Long. 18° 20' 00" near rate.

414.

Hook the Anchor.

Friday Jan^y 26th 1855.

At about 1 P.M. took the anchor and stood out of Table bay with brisk breezes from the S. W. middle part heading N. S. W. with fresh breezes from the Southward, latter part rather more moderate heading to the Westward. Do ends &c. Lat. By obs. 34° 28'. Long. By ϕ 15° 57' 30".

415.

Brisk Breeze.

Saturday Jan^y 27th 1855.

Commences with brisk breezes from S. S. W. heading to the Westward with the main top gallant sail out, middle and latter part brisk breezes heading to the S. E. under the same sail. Mm. Beaumont is put in as boatsteerer. Do ends &c. Lat. By obs. 34° 35'. Long. By ϕ 16° 53' 15".

416.

Head Wind.

Sunday Jan^y 28th 1855.

Begins with brisk breezes from S. S. W. heading to the Westward under all sail except the fore top gallant sail, middle part fresh breezes heading from N. to N. S. W. under whole topsails and courses, latter part more moderate heading to the Westward under all sail except the fore top gallant sail. Do ends &c. Lat. By obs. 35° 23'. Long. By ϕ 15° 06' 00". Bar. 30.2.

417.

All sail.

Monday Jan^y 29th 1855.

Commences with light breezes from the Southward heading N. by S. with the fore top gallant sail in, middle part unsteady breezes, latter part light breezes from S. W. heading S. S. E. under all sail. Do ends &c. Lat. By obs. 35° 59'. Long. By ϕ 15° 44' 15". Bar. 30.1. +.

418.

Brisk Breeze.

Tuesday Jan^y 30th 1855.

Begins with wind from the S. W. heading S. S. E. under all sail, middle part steering S. by E. latter part brisk breezes from N. S. W. steering S. S. E. with the main top gallant sail out. Do ends &c. Lat. By obs. 37° 26'. Long. By ϕ 18° 36' 15". Bar. 30.1.