

170. *Bark Smyrna of New Bedford Mass.*

798. *Struck a Porpoise.*

Thursday Feb¹⁴ 1856.

Commenced with brisk breezes from S. E. heading to the E. N. E. with the main top gallant sail out, opened a cask of bread and started tea, middle part fresh breezes from S. S. E. heading to the Eastward under the topsails and courses till 1 A. M. then wore to the S. W. struck a porpoise and drewed, at 4 P. M. wore to the Eastward again, latter part brisk breezes from S. S. E. and S. E. at 8 A. M. tacked to the S. W. with the main top gallant sail out, at 11 A. M. tacked to the Eastward again under the same sail. So ends. Lat. By obs. 33° 59'. Long. By A. at 8 A. M. 114° 05' 15". at 3 P. M. 114° 09' 00".

799. *Land ho! New Holland.*

Friday Feb¹⁵ 1856.

Begins with brisk breezes from S. S. E. and S. heading E. with the main top gallant sail out, Long. By Lunar at 4 P. M. 114° 34' 00" E. at 6 P. M. saw the land to the N. of Cape Leeuwins, bearing from E. by S. to E. N. E. per compass, Dist. 15 miles at about 4 P. M. wore off shore and double reefed the topsails and took in the jib and mainsail, at midnight wore round and headed in till 2 A. M. then wore off again the weather thick and smoky, at 3⁴⁵ A. M. steered off E. N. E. under double reefed topsails and courses, about sunrise sighted the land again, kept off and run to the Northward at 9 A. M. inside of Cape Naturaliste with the anchors ready to let go, latter part light breezes from S. E. to S. working up towards the anchorage in Geographie Bay. So ends. Lat. Land in sight. Long. By A. 115° 05' 45".



Saturday Feb¹⁶ 1856.

Commenced with strong breezes from S. S. E. to S. S. W. working up to the anchorage in Geographie Bay, at 5 P. M. came too and paid out 45 fathoms of chain in 4 fathoms of water abreast of the ship, middle and latter part brisk breezes, lifted the main topmast and put in a new fid. So ends these 24 hours.

Here we are snug at anchor again.

At Anchor in Geographie Bay A. D. 1856.

801 to 814.

Feb¹⁴ to March 1st 1856.

Recruits.

Took aboard a raft of water, three tons of potatoes, three quarters of fresh beef, 1/2 ton of onions, painted the spars, gave the watches two days liberty each, had two men to desert and shipped two others in their stead, at noon the ship ready for taking the anchor. So ends these 24 hours.

815.

Took the Anchor.

Sunday March 2nd 1856.

Commenced with brisk breezes from the S. W. at 12 P. M. took the anchor and stood out, at 5 P. M. abreast of Cape Naturaliste, Long. By A. at 3 P. M. 115° 15' 00", middle part steering N. N. W. under double reefed topsails and courses, latter part wind from the W. S. W. heading to the N. W. with the main top gallant sail out. So ends. Lat. By D. R. 33° 20'. Long. By A. 113° 48' 15".

816.

Rugged.

Monday March 3rd 1856.

Begins with strong breezes from the S. W. and rugged heading N. N. W. under double reefed topsails and courses, middle and latter part wind from S. West to S. S. W. steering N. W. under double reefed topsails and courses, the watches employed fitting the boats and doing other sundry jobs. So ends. Lat. By obs. 32° 02'. Long. By A. 112° 16' 30".

817.

Boat's Crews.

Tuesday March 4th 1856.

Commenced with brisk breezes from S. S. E. steering N. W. under reefed topsails and courses, middle part under short sail standing boat's crew watches, latter part light breezes from S. S. E. steering N. by E. with the top gallant sails out. So ends. Lat. By D. R. 31° 45'. Long. By A. 111° 13' 30".

818.

Maine M. Backstays.

Wednesday March 5th 1856.

Begins with moderate breezes from S. S. E. steering N. W. set up the main topmast backstays, middle part moderate, latter part brisk breezes from S. E. steering N. under the topsails and foresail, and repaired the old fore top gallant sail. So ends. Lat. By obs. 30° 59'. Long. By A. 111° 07' 30".