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Bark Smyrna of New Bedford, Mass.

1194.

Preparing for Sea.

Tuesday March 17th 1857.

Commences with moderate breezes sent up the fore top gallant mast and rigged out the flying jib boom, middle part moderate, latter part pleasant employed setting up rigging and making other preparations for sea. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 43° 39' 45".

1195.

Here we go.

Wednesday March 18th 1857.

Begins with moderate sea breezes sent up the main top gallant yard and bent the flying jib at sunset ship in readiness for going to sea, middle and latter part moderate, at about sunrise took the anchor and stood out through the gap in Buller reef, unbent the chains and sent them below. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 23° 21'. Long. By obs. 43° 25' 30".

1196.

English Bark.

Thursday March 19th 1857.

Commences with moderate breezes from N. S. W. to S. S. W. working off shore under all sail, saw three sails standing in towards St. Augustine's Bay, middle part light baffling air heading to the southward latter part pleasant breezes from S. S. E. steering S. S. W. and employed fitting the boats, saw an English Bark standing in towards the land, the land in sight from the deck. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 13'. Long. By obs. 43° 21' 15". Bar. 29.9.

1197.

Painting.

Friday March 20th 1857.

Begins with moderate breezes from N. to S. heading from S. S. W. to E. S. E. under all sail, and painted the butternut outside, at 5 P. M. tacked to the N. S. W. the land plain to be seen, middle and latter part wind from S. S. E. to E. S. E. heading to the southward under all sail, and painted the larboard boat. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 41'. Long. By obs. 43° 04' 45". Bar. 29.9.

1198.

Strong Breeze.

Saturday March 21st 1857.

Commences with fresh breezes from S. E. heading S. W. with the light sails in, painted the waist boat, middle and latter part strong breezes from S. E. and E. S. E. and very rugged, heading to the southward under double reefed topsails and courses. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 26° 14'. Long. By obs. 43° 07' 15". Bar. 29.9.

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English Ship.

Sunday March 22nd 1857.

Hague Reef.

Begins with strong breezes from E. S. E. to E. and very rugged, heading to the southward under double reefed topsails and courses, saw a large English Ship steering to the Westward, middle part headed to the Northward from 9 P. M. till 2 A. M. (Hague reef being under our lee) latter part strong winds from East heading S. S. E. under double reefed topsails and courses. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 28° 06'. Long. By obs. 43° 45' 45". Bar. 29.9+.

1200.

One Sail.

Monday March 23rd 1857.

Commenced with strong breezes from E. and rugged, heading S. S. E. under double reefed topsails and courses, middle part heading S. S. E. and S. E. under the same sails, latter part wind from E. N. E. heading S. E. with the main top gallant sail out, saw one sail steering to the Westward, and painted the starboard boat. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 28° 58'. Long. By obs. 44° 30' 45". Bar. 29.9+.

1201.

Finback.

Tuesday March 24th 1857.

Begins with very moderate breezes from E. N. E. heading to the S. E. under all sail, middle part moderate heading about the same, latter part brisk breezes from S. S. W. to W. steering E. by N. with the main top gallant sail out, saw one sail heading to the Westward, and saw a finback. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 28° 53'. Long. By obs. 45° 35' 30". Bar. 29.8+.

1202.

Two Sails.

Wednesday March 25th 1857.

Commences with smart breezes from N. S. W. steering E. by N. and E. N. E. with the main top gallant sail out, saw one sail heading to the N. W. middle part brisk breezes steering the same course, latter part moderate breezes from S. W. steering E. N. E. under what sail that would draw to advantage, saw a Bark steering to the Eastward. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 27° 27'. Long. By obs. 46° 53' 30". Bar. 30.2+.