

Cruise off Cape Town December 1866

Monday The 17th

The first part of the
these twenty four hours begins with
strong wind from Southern and heading
to the Eastward under moderate sail engaged
in painting the boats and other jobs
at 4 P.M. was round to the Westward
at 12 were round to the Eastward under
double reefed and fore sail at 8 P.M. came
round a head middle and latter part strong
wind from S.E. and ruff sea

Lat by day 34:17 S
Long by do 18:05 E

Thursday The 20th

Begins with moderate gail from S
E and proceeding up to the S. M. by 10
am short sail table mountain
on our weather quarter 30 miles off
bearing E at 4 P.M. was round to the
Eastward at 10 P.M. saw table mountain
again

Lat by day 34:00 S

Friday The 21st

Begins with light air at 6 P.M.
Came too in anchor in Cape Town
I went on shore to see the Captain and
he was little better he is in hopes to
come on board tomorrow and go to sea
because he loves this day we him
in place in painting West boat
and other duty done

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Saturday The 22nd

At 6 P.M. Captain came on board thinking
that we will go to sea if he don't feel
any worse tomorrow at 10 P.M. we way anchor
and went to sea middle and latter part
strong wind from S.E. (seen)

Sunday The 23rd

Begins with strong gail from S.E.
and very ruff Captain feeling very bad
again concluded to go in Cape Town again
because we are beating up to that part spent the
main top sail during the night and posted
the jib and flying jib making gail quiet
(seen)

Monday The 24th

Begins with moderate gail from S.E.
we beating up to Cape Town at 3 P.M.
we drop anchor at 5 P.M. Captain went on
shore middle and latter part light air (seen)

Tuesday The 25th

Begins with light air and fine
at 3 P.M. we way anchor and went
to sea saw a brig beating in at San
Pau: the land some E 15 miles off
at 6 P.M. the wind back to the Westward
we heading up S. latter strong wind (seen)

Wednesday The 26th

Begins with strong breeze and little rain
tough in the light scud and double reef
fore mizen top sails middle part rain died
way land at Town East from us 40 miles
middle and latter part calms and fine (seen)