Remarks on board Bark Sun at Sea. T. H. Smith

Wednesday. May. 1st. Continued

1 Watch took in the main top Gallantsail & flying jib. About
" 6 P.M. it commenced to rain. this evening we had Sugar
" Henny. Soft Jack. and so ends the first day of this month
" and so good night to all. Latitude 29°.39'. S. Longitude 162°.58'. E

Thursday. May. 2d.

2 this day begins with fine weather and a breze from the
" N.N.W. Ship steering W about 9 A.M. the wind died away and
" it remained Calm untill about 11 A.M. when a breze
" sprang up from the N.N.W. when we wore Ship and stood
" to the N. Watch employed at various jobs about Decks
" and scraping down the masts. this afternoon it had
" been Calm all the time & I have been engaged making
" a jib for the Larboard Boat. at 4 P.M. we called the
" Watch and pumped Ship. then washed off. after Supper
" we took in the fore & main top Gallantsail. Gaff top sail.
" M. topmast Staysail & jib. this evening we have been
" singing on deck and telling Stories so ends the
" second day of this month. Latitude 29°. S. Longitude E

Friday. May. 3d.

3 this day begins with fine weather and a light breze
" from the N.N.W. Ship steering W. this morning about
" 5 O. Clock we set the fore & main top Gallantsail. jib.
" and Gaff top sail. Watch employed in making out
" for Bread. Flour Molasses &c. this forenoon I finished
" Piping my jib. and went to work in the Boat. this
" afternoon has been employed in a little of all sorts
" at 5 P.M. we wore Ship and stood to the N.E. the wind
" has increased somewhat and we are heading N.N.E. at
" the present time. at 4 P.M. called the watch pumped
" Ship and washed off. at 5 we took in sail to the
" top sails. Cursed. and jib. then set the main & Boat on
" the upper crane. so ends this day. Lat 26.58 S. Long 165.28 E

Saturday. May. 4th.

4 this day begins with fine weather and a strong breze
" from the W. Ship steering by the wind, to the N.E. Watch
" employed in washing. making Caps. and several jobs
" about Decks. this morning at 5 A.M. we made all sail
" and at 9 A.M. we tacked Ship and stood to the N.E.

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Saturday. May. 4th. Continued

4 this afternoon at 2 P.M. it breezed up. we took in the top-
" Gallantsails. flying jib. Mizzen top sail. Gaff top sail &c.
" also double reefed the fore top sails. at 4 called the Watch and
" washed off Ship at 5 it began to rain and has continued
" stormy all the evening. so ends this day. Lat. 26°. Long. E

Sunday. May. 5th

5 this day begins with fine weather and a strong breze from
" the S.S.E. Ship steering N.W. under foresail. single reefed fore-
" top sail and whole main top sail. Watch employed in Cutting
" Hair. Shaving. Reading &c. this forenoon about 9 A.M. we stood
" down the main top sail and double reefed it also at the
" same time altered the course one point to the Westward.
" this afternoon we braced sharp up and hauled by the wind
" the wind having freshened to a Gale. Ship heading S.W.
" at 4 P.M. called the Watch. pumped Ship. then close
" reefed the fore top sail. (If any one of the Girls from home
" was here they would think of the Song which says. Our
" little Bark is in boisterous Seas by angry billows tost (meaning
" of by crossed Tempest's tossed) so ends this day. after a good time
" eating Duff and a good tumbling about. Lat. 24°.23'. Long 165°.43' E

Monday. May. 6th.

6 this day begins with fine weather and a strong breze from
" the S.S.E. Ship steering N.N.W. under close reefed top sails and
" foresail. this forenoon I was employed in making a rack to
" keep our knives and forks in. also in putting a piece of Board
" in front of my berth to keep the dirt from getting behind
" into it from off the Chests. this afternoon there was a Sail
" in sight off our lee Bow steering about N.E. about 2 O. Clock
" we raised a Shole of Porpickets along side. and the Old
" Mans and McCain tried to shoot on of them but did
" not succeed. at 5 we hauled on the wind for the night
" Ship heading S.S.W. at 8 called the Watch at usual.
" and washed off Ship. Carpenter has been engaged in
" making a Sandem for the Fry Works. and Cooper in
" making (or rather) heading up Casks. the wind still
" continues strong with a very heavy swell running
" and the Ship is rolling every thing from one side to
" the other without any ceremony. Lat 24°.29'. Long. 161°.12' E