

Remarks on Board Bark Sea Cruising off New Georgia
Friday, December 13th.

13. This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the N.W. Ship steering S.W. Watch employed making out for water. at 10 A.M. we had a heavy squall we then closed up our light sails. at 4 P.M. calmed the watch and washed off ship. this afternoon has been equally nothing in light to Day Latitude 10.08 S. Longitude 157.50 E.

Saturday, December 14th.

14. This Day begins with Cloudy weather and a strong breeze from the N.W. Ship steering by the wind to the S.W. this forenoon was a constant squall and we closed up and made sail some three times in the course of the forenoon. this afternoon has been the same. about 3 P.M. put a reef in the fore main top sail. at 4 P.M. calmed the watch and washed off. at 5 wind hauled to the N.W. ship heading S.W. by N. so ended this day. Latitude 10.40 S. Longitude 157.29 E.

Sunday, December 15th.

15. This Day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the N.W. Ship heading S. at 12 P.M. we ship and stowed to the N. the wind having hauled into the S.W. at 6 A.M. kept off to the N. watch employed as usual. at 4 P.M. calmed the watch and closed up the Deck. at sundown hauled on the wind for the night nothing in light so terminated this Day Latitude 10.10 S. Longitude 157.25 E.

Monday, December 16th.

16. This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S.E. ship heading S.W. at 6 A.M. kept off N by N. at 10 A.M. opened the land and at 10 A.M. luffed on the wind heading S.W. watch employed at various jobs. this afternoon has been occupied in the same manner. at 4 P.M. calmed the watch and broke out for board. then washed off ship. at sundown we took in the light sails and hauled up the Curled. so ended this day. Lat. 9.36 S. Long. 157.20 E.

Tuesday, December 17th.

17. This Day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the N.W. Ship steering S.W. this morning we tacked and stood to the S.E. at 12 A.M. squall away to the N. and closed the land as soon as we then hauled the wind to the S.W. at 4 P.M. broke out for board and washed off. Latitude 9.38 S. Longitude 157.21 E.

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Wednesday, December 18th.

18. This Day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the S.E. ship heading S.W. last night the third mate got his leg badly cut with an iron wheel engaged in taking a surprise and the old man put me in to head the Cardboard watch until he recovered. this morning we were ship and stood to the S. at 4 calmed the watch and at sundown we shortened sail and were ship and stood to the S.W. so ended this Day. Lat 9.55 S. Long 157.35 E.

Thursday, December 19th.

19. This Day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the S.E. ship heading S. at 5 A.M. we saw a sail at 6 A.M. kept off S.W. watch employed at a little of all sorts. (we caught a Porpoise this morning before breakfast) this afternoon we kept off to the N.W. and at 3 P.M. raised Whales ahead of us in this hauled the wind and hauled back the Whales having gone down, when they came up again they were a mile & the windward. at 4 calmed the watch and washed off. at sundown shortened sail. so ended this day. Latitude 10.22 S. Long. 157.38 E.

Friday, December 20th.

20. This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S.E. ship steering S.W. under all sail. watch employed making out for water. Beans & Malt. this afternoon has been employed in various things. (at noon I would have mentioned we kept off to the N.W. at 4 calmed the watch and at 4 P.M. the flying jib Gripe this washed off ship so ended this Day. Latitude 10.36 South Longitude 157.06 E.

Saturday, December 21st.

21. This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S.E. ship steering S. at 5 A.M. we kept off to the N.W. watch employed in washing. at 8 P.M. hauled by the wind to the S.E. at 4 P.M. calmed the watch and washed off ship. at sundown took in sail at usual. so ended this Day. Latitude 10.14 S. Longitude 156.37 E.

Sunday, December 22nd.

22. This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S. ship steering S.W. at 10 A.M. we raised the land on our starboard bow. watch employed as usual. at 3 P.M. we raised Whales & shortened sail and chased them until sundown but did not get near enough to fasten. so ended this Day. Latitude 9.51 S. Longitude 157.13 E.