

Remarks on Board Bark Lion running down the Line
1862. Thursday, January 1st, 1862.

1st This day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the S.E. Ship steering N. Hatch employed at various things. At 3 a.m. the Island of Bougainville was almost out of sight. At 11 a.m. we raised land on our weather bow. At 4 p.m. it was distinctly seen from deck (which is the South Sea's Herard & supposed). After calling the Hatch at usual we cleared up the deck so much for the first day of the New Year. Latitude 4° 35' S. Longitude 153° 08' East.

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2nd This day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the S.E. Ship steering to the S.E. found in for the Land. Hatch at various jobs. About 3 p.m. the canoe came off and after they found out we was not a man of war they came along side and traded what few things they had (which consisted of Bona's & Ann's. Coconuts & Yams. so ends this day of our Cruise. Wishing you all good night & close. Lat. Long.

Friday, January 2nd.

3rd This day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S.E. Ship steering N.E. under all sail. Hatch employed making out for Reef, Sea & Cliffs. This morning we raised a sail on our weather bow (steering the same as we). At noon she was ship and stood inshore. After dinner we hauled up our mainsail for a sand: but she did not see it. At 4 o'clock the Hatch and washed off. so ends this day. Latitude 4° 42' S. Long. 153° 50' East.

Saturday, January 3rd.

4th This day begins with fine weather and a dead calm. This morning we raised something on our weather bow: and towed away a Boat for it and it proved to be a log of wood. Hatch employed in dragging as usual. This afternoon the wind sprang up from the S.E. Ship steering E.N.E. at 4 called the Hatch and landed ship. so ends this day. All well as common. Lat. 4° 00' S. Long. 154° 00' East.

Sunday, January 4th.

5th This day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S.E. Ship steering E.N.E. under all sail. Hatch engaged as usual on the Sabbath. This afternoon has been almost calm. At 4 p.m. called the Hatch raised the mastshead. Whul, and cleared up deck. At 5 p.m. we got supper. and so ends this day of the New Year. all well. Latitude 4° 00' S. Longitude 154° 50' East.

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Monday, January 6th.

This day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S.E. Ship steering E.N.E. under all sail. Hatch employed at breaking out water. At 10 a.m. the wind freshened and hauled into the N.E. This afternoon has been employed in driving the iron tacks, fit-shells & catching fish. At 4 1/2 p.m. washed off as usual. (called the Hatch at 4 p.m.) so ends this day all enjoying good health. Latitude 3° 34' S. Longitude 155° 25' E.

Tuesday, January 7th.

This day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the N.E. Ship steering E.N.E. Hatch employed setting up the muzzles rigging. About 10 a.m. the Spanker Mast came down by the crew (the hook in the end having rusted off) this afternoon has been occupied in the same manner at 4 p.m. called the Hatch. got the Spanker in order again: hauled up the iron main spencers and hauled down the jib. then washed off and got supper. Latitude 3° 10' S. Longitude 155° 12' E.

Wednesday, January 8th.

This day begins with fine weather and a very light breeze from the N.E. Ship steering E.N.E. Hatch employed at various things. This afternoon has been employed in driving the fit-shells, setting up jib & flying jib and also killing fish. At 4 p.m. called the Hatch and went through our regular drill. Lat. 3° 01' S. Long. 155° 31' E.

Thursday, January 9th.

This day begins with fine weather and a calm. Hatch employed setting up the main rigging. About 10 a.m. we raised a shoal of Blackfish: we hauled aboard and towed for them but did not get any. This afternoon has been equally: and a light breeze from the N.E. Ship steering E.N.E. At 4 p.m. called the Hatch and went through our drill. All caught one fish. so ends this day. Good night. Latitude 3° 08' S. Longitude 155° 42' E.

Friday, January 10th.

This day begins with fine weather and a calm. Hatch employed setting up the main rigging. This morning we broke out for Bona. This afternoon has been occupied in the same manner. At 4 p.m. called the Hatch: and washed off ship as usual. After supper some of the boys went in bathing: so ends this day. Latitude 3° 34' S. Long. 157° 11' E.