

Sunday 28th Decr 1856 1400 PM

Yesterday the weather was squally - We were lying to most of the day - A merchant vessel passed with ^{everything} ~~steering~~ North with all ~~sail~~ set. ^{up in the air} ~~light~~ sails royal & all - I suppose she was a clipper bound home. About 10 o'clock night a fine breeze sprang up from NE and to day at 12 M we were in lat. 56° S. - This afternoon the wind has died away and at present the air is nearly still.

After making a little more Southward we shall head west till we get round.

Thursday 1st January 1857

Since last entry we have gone many miles to the Southward and Eastward - This was by reason of head winds and violent squalls making it necessary to carry but little sail and lie to often.

To day I was told by our cabin boy that our long. is 65° 21' W, lat. 57° 35' S. -

The day commenced with ~~most~~ very mild & pleasant weather for this part of the world. The ship is heading S.W. carrying all sail but there is hardly any wind.

We have had all sail on for a couple of days.

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