

Journal of William Thompson

for his board and all the work he has spoiled he will do well the only thing I think he is fit for is Carpenter to a claim cart or bottle washer to some porter better some such fancy work will suit him best. Broke out to day for some Syed & Apples made some fine Pies

Latitude by Obs 33. 6. N
Long. by Lunar 31. 42. W
Do. " by Clock 31. 42. W
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Tuesday November 8

Light breezes from S the weather is very fine, saw three sail to day going to N another false alarm to Hampden our Shirts, but these things cannot last for ever that one comfort, got the Blacksmith going to day and find him a good workman he said he can make any thing and anything, The Carpenter was all day making a cover for a Grindingstone he however done more than he promised for he botched it, got one of our boats hung from the Stern

Latitude by Obs 32. 40. N
Longitude by Lunar 30. 9. W
Do. " by Clock 30. 31. W

Wednesday November 9

Wind fair at last that is some comfort indeed, saw a very large Ship steering E. think she must be an E. Indianman bound up the Straits we are now passing. Every day about false alarms. There was one to day it turned out to be another Chin pack Dick Asher washed and Ironed to day made a great deal of Soap and burnt the clove, better Luck next time. Saw a great many Porpoises and tried to get some of them

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but could not they were very timid, got a fine Lunar to day and it agrees with Old Chronometer exactly, we are now about 820 miles from the Cape & hope to be there in 8 days, all hands are now well except Shirliff he thinks he has got the Consumption

Latitude 31. 44. N
Long. by Lunar 28. 29. W
Long. by Clock 28. 37. W
Long. by Chron 29. 00. W

Thursday November 10

Wind about the same that is it is from the S. W. Light breezes and beautiful weather never saw it so fine at this time about these diggings all things go on as usual except the Ship she has a mind to stay where she is I think good deal of trouble of mind about my Chronometer they not quite O. K. but no help for that but many again, No fish yet not even an allum to day, broke out and gave three Molasses to the crew for the first time a gallon a month per man

Long. by N. Ch 28. 16. W
Long. by Lunar 27. 29. W
Latitude 30. 20. N

Friday November 11

Nothing doing, no wind no whales, no alarms, other false or otherwise Eating and drinking go as usual, all hands are well except Shirliff he poor fellow is bound for the land of Cain saw a Ship this morning kept in sight all day think she must be the Swiftest. Talked of getting out the boats to day but did not on account of great heavy of business almost all of patients head winds report full well got a bad pain in the back, think it must be love or some other fabulous feeling, As Sam - Neller says Quotation from Pickwick