

1815 Journal of Ship Wm Thompson

Monday Dec 29th

Fresh Gales from West
Steering East per Compass under all Sail high Sea
Lat by Obs 55 47 South
Long by Chr 88.26 AM
Long by D.R 87.20 West
Long by Chr 87.46 PM

Tuesday Dec 30th

Strong breeze from West and
squally Steering E by N
Lat by Obs 56.20 S
Long by Chr 89.25 W
Long by D.R 82.48 W

Winds Wednesday Dec 31st

Strong breeze from West
and squally at 3 PM Spoke Bark Man's Hair
Latter part Fresh Gales
at 4 PM water discoloured
Lat by Obs 56 43 S
Long by Chr 78 09 W

Thursday Dec 31st 1846

All these twenty four
hours fresh Gales from West and squally
Steering E by N at 6 AM Single Reefed the Topsails
Lat by Obs 56 35 S
Long by Chr 72 06

Friday Jan 2

The 1st part of these
twenty four hours strong breeze from N.West and
squally Latter part Light breeze and very fine
weather
Lat by Obs 56 58
Long by Chr 69.04

Saturday Jan 3

Light breeze from
S.West and very fine weather Steering N.E
at 1.30 PM Spoke the Land. Diego Ramirez
Bearing N.E per Compass Dist 35 Miles
at 4 PM got altitudes for Chronometers and
found them very near correct. the Land Bearing
N.N.W per Compass Long by Chr 68.40 West
Longitude by Bearing and Dist from the Land 68.45 West
at 4 PM got Lunar Obs which gave the Long 68.52 W
at 3 AM saw Cape Horn Bearing N.W
Lat by Obs 56 13 S
Long by Chr 65.59 W

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Sunday Jan 4th

The 1st part of these twenty
four hours strong breeze from West and high Sea
found none Latter part strong breeze and heavy
steering N.E by N per Compass
Long by Chr 63 04 W
Lat by Obs 55 13 S

Monday Jan 5th

Strong breeze from West
steering N.E by N and N.E by E Latter part of
the day very Rainy pass large quantity of Kelp
Lat by Obs 53.46 S
Long by Chr 59.16 W

Tuesday Jan 6th

Strong breeze from N.West
and Rainy heading N.E at 12 Midnight the wind changed
to the South at 10 AM Spoke Ship's Jaw of New's cap
4 Months out. with one Right Whale
Lat by Obs 52 24 S
Long by Chr 56 58 W

Wednesday Jan 7th

Wind from West and
fine weather Steering North Latter part strong breeze
from North and Rainy weather Doubled Reefed the Topsails
Lat by Obs 51 33 S
Long by Chr 55.40 W

Thursday Jan 8th

Hard Gales from North
at 4 PM the wind changed very suddenly to S.West, blew
the fore sail to pieces at 7 Moderate bent another
fore sail set the topsails Doubled Reefed and Steered
N by E per Compass heavy Squalls towards Noon
Lat by Obs 49 54
Long by Chr 52 50 W

Friday Jan 9th

This day comes in with heavy
Gales from S.West accompanied with heavy Squalls
took in fore & Main topsails Reefed the fore sail
high Mountains Sea on Run N.E until 5 PM or
as long as we could steer the ship with safety then
hove to. the Ship's makes very bad weather of it the
Several heavy Seas started the Water off Deck and
found the Ice much easier and more safe