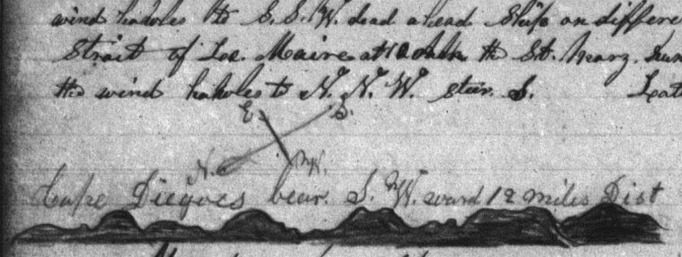
Saturday Dec. 31st 1853

First part fine breeze at N. N. W. and plesant weather steering South Middle and latter part light wind from N. by W. and fine warm weather Saw a Sail coming off astern the watch empty in Ships duties So Ends this day

Latt by Obs. 53.01 S.
Long by Chro. 65.17 W.

Sunday January 1st A.D. 1854

First of the New Year commences with a light breeze from N. by W. with warm plesant weather weather Ship going South all sail out at 2 P.M. boarded the Sloop of War St. Mary's Capt. Craig 14 day from St. Catharines bound to Valparaiso sent letter by him Saw another sail geaming off astern Middle part wind light from W. N. W. Ship under D. R. fore and aft top sails main top gallant sail &c &c latter part part fresh breeze at N. W. by W. and plesant steering South saw the S. St. Marys going with us at 7 A.M. sighted the land Cape St Vincent and Diegoes bear S. by W. at 10 A.M. the wind hauled to S. S. W. dead ahead Ship on different tacks working off the Strait of Le Maire at 12 A.M. the St. Mary. tun back to go round Staten land at 12 over the wind hauled to N. by N. W. stein S. Latt. by Obs. 54.50 Long. by Chro. 68.07



Monday Jan. 2nd 1854

First part plesant weather the wind N. by E. steering S. by E. all sail at 4 P.M. we are through the Strait of Le Maire at 6 P.M. saw the St. Marys coming after us at 7 wind hauls to S. E. by S. Squaly weather D. R. top sails Middle part fresh breze from N. W. and plesant rainy weather Ship going S. S. W. all sail out saw the St. Marys to windward 8 other sail in sight the land Cape Success and Staten land in sight Middle and latter part at 7 A.M. the wind hauls to W. S. W. and squaly Ship on the S. side the land and 4 Ships in sight So Ends this day Latt. by Obs. 55.00 South
Long by Chro. 65.54 W.

Tuesday Jan. 3d 1854

First part strong breze at S. W. by S with heavy squals at 2 P.M. had a very hard squall called all hands to D. R. top sail &c &c saw the land to windward and 4 Ships Middle and latter part strong breze at W. S. W. and N. W. Ship on the S. W. tack saw 3 sail nothing more had several hail squals the weather overcast the Ship under Short sail So Ends this day Latt. by Obs. 57.00 S.
Long by Chro. 66.02 W.

Wednesday Jan. 4th A.D. 1854

First part Strong wind from S. W. by S. and overcast at 4 P.M. we were Ship to W. by N. under D. R. top sail saw 3 sail and a fin back Middle and latter parts Strong wind from S. W. with Squally weather steering by the wind on both tack saw 5 Sail and at 7 A.M. sighted Cape Horn and the land thereabout saw a School of whale did not ascertain what kind Latt. by Obs. 56.12
Long. by Chro. 69.16

Cape Horn

Thursday Jan 5th 1854

First part strong breze at W. S. W. and plesant steering by the wind on both tack under D. R. top sail whole top sail and all possible sail set sent down the steer sail booms saw 5 sail and when the fog lifts sighted Cape Horn Middle and latter parts saw a whale called it Sulpher bottom Middle and latter parts Strong breze from N. by W. and plesant steer on the S. W. tack saw a fin back and 1 Ship to leward thick foggy rainy weather So Ends this day Latt. by Obs. 58.20
No Chro.
Long. by Chro. 68.33

Friday Jan. 6th 1854

First part Strong wind from N. W. by W. and thick weather some rain the Ship on the S. W. tack under D. R. top sail saw a Ship to leward Middle and latter parts strong breze at W. S. W. and some hail squalls Ship on both tack under short sail saw 3 sail at 9 A.M. spoke the Ship Mogul of New London did not stated at 12 o'clock the wind fresh tack in the main sail jib and reefed the fore sail at day light made sail again and at 10 A.M. very hard squals with rain snow and hail blew up the main top sail and sent it again tack in the jib So Ends this day Latt. by Obs. 58.00 S.
Long. by Chro. 69.00 W.

Saturday Jan 7th 1854

First part a brisk gale from W. S. W. the Ship under close reefed main top sail and stay sail hove S. S. W. saw 2 sail nothing more at 7 P.M. accounted W. the wind S. S. W. Middle and latter parts Ship gales from S. W. with some snow and rain Ship steering W. N. W. by the wind under close reefed top sail and reefed course saw range signals with a Ship on the S. W. tack So Ends this day Latt. by Obs. 57.30
Long. by Chro. 69.46

Saturday Jan. 8th 1854

First part strong wind from S. W. by S. and some snow and hail Ship head W. N. W. under easy sail saw nothing Middle and latter parts fresh breze from S. W. by S. Ship under short sail heading N. W. saw several sails nothing more Latt. by Obs. 57.00 S.
Long. by Chro.
So Ends this day
at 7 A.M. the Diegoes bore E. S. E. dist 20 miles