

Ship Wm. Wirt of New Bedford Capt.

Tuesday Feb 26th A.D. 1856

All this day fine Westly breeze & clear cool weather very unlike Cape Horn weather sent up to fore & mizzen royal yards saw 1 ship nothing so ends this day Lat. by Obs. 56.08 S. Long. by Chron. 72.45 W.

Wednesday Feb. 27th

First of Meddle part fresh breeze at W. ward & pleasant weather steering E. by N. the light sails in saw a ship N. E. ward latter part stiff galls from West S. W. and some overcast steering E. by N. under S. R. topsails at 11 A.M. saw the Island Diego Ramirez bearing E. N. E. 8 miles close reefed the fore & mizzen topsails & steering S. E. by E. at 12 M. Diego Ramirez bear North 4 or 5 miles dist

Long. at 8 A.M. 69.21 W. Lat. by Mer. Obs. 56.39 S. Diego Ramirez bear N. 4 miles dist thick overcast rainy weather

Thursday Feb. 28th

All these 24 hours strong breeze from West & thick overcast weather steering at 3 P.M. East. & at 11 P.M. E. N. E. & at 7 A.M. N. E. at 9 P.M. we pass the meridian of Cape Horn in the Lat. of 57.13 S. Cape Horn Dist 78 miles so ends this day Lat. by Obs. No Obs. Saw nothing

Friday Feb. 29th

This day breeze from N. W. & at overcast weather steering N. E. the light sail in saw nothing so ends this day No Obs.

Saturday & Sunday March 1st

All this day strong breeze from N. W. W. N. W. working to N. ward saw nothing so ends this day Lat. by Obs. 55.08 S. Long. by Chron. 54.56 W.

Wee a 30 day from 9 hours from the Bay of Islands when we pass Cape Horn & during the time we have had the wind forward of the ships beam but 2 hours & the most we have gone in 24 hours was 210 miles

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Edward R. Ashley off Cape Horn Home ward Bound

Sunday March 2nd 1856

All this day strong winds & squally weather from W. S. Ship under short sail heading N. N. W. saw a large clipper merchant ship to leeward so ends this day Lat. by Obs. 56.47 N. Dist run 157 miles the course N. N. W. by N. Lat. by Obs. 56.50 S. by which we conclude there is no variation of the Compass instead of 22 Degrees E. or E.

Monday Mar. 3rd

All this day strong breeze from W. N. W. & some overcast steering by the wind to N. W. saw 1 merchant ship so ends this day Lat. by Obs. 56.25 S. Distance run 162 miles N. E. by E. Long. by Chron. 54.37 W.

Tuesday Mar. 4th

This day light air from S. E. N. E. with pleasant weather steering N. by W. all sail out 3 royals so ends this day Lat. by Obs. 49.00 S. Long. by Chron. 54.22 W.

Wednesday Mar. 5th

All this day light breeze from N. E. by E. & pleasant weather steering N. N. W. all possible sail out saw nothing the watches empty in ships duties so ends this day Lat. by Obs. 47.30 S. Dist run 56 miles N. by E. by W. Long. by Chron. 56.09 W.

Thursday Mar. 6th

All this day light breeze from N. E. & pleasant at 3 P.M. the wind came to N. E. by E. steering by the wind to N. W. ward at 8 P.M. all hand empty in breaking out the oil between decks found one pipe empty so ends this day Lat. by Obs. 46.20 S. Long. by Chron. 57.03 W.