

Ship's Log - Cruising

Saturday Dec 16th 1848
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There was some words passed between
them, the capt then called for Barney
Loren below and asked him if
he had a watch he said he had
and he wanted \$30.00 for it the
Capt then took the watch & paid
for it, she was nothing but a common
Escapement watch 256

Sunday the 17th
with a fair strong wind at 11 AM
backed ship to the Southern
Christmas Island bearing S West
Dist 20 miles at 3 AM backed
again to the Southern at 8
Miles it was Dist 15 miles
at 12 steering along under the lee
with the intention of going on
shore after coconuts
So ends the Island bearing E S by E
3 miles

Monday the 18th
all of these 24 hours fine weather
first part steering in for the land
at 4 PM the S made good the
S S at and went on shore at 4
PM and saw to the ship with
100 coconuts, braced forward and
stood off on the S back
at 6 PM by S E Point bearing E S E
Dist 12 miles

Tuesday the 19th
fine weather first part steering S W
at 6 PM wind to the wind on
the S side at 6 AM down away
again

On the Line - Cruising

Wednesday the 20th of Dec 1848
fine weather first part
steering to the Southern at 6 PM
luffed too on the S back to the
S E at 6 PM down away
against the S & W at 10 sent down
the fore sail and bent the cruising
sail

Thursday the 21st
fine weather first part steering
S W at 6 PM luffed too
on the S back to the Southern
at 6 PM down away at 10
sent down the fore sail

Friday the 22nd
steering S W at 5 PM luffed too
on the S back to the Southern
at 10 PM down away at 10
sent down the fore sail
at 12 PM far from the land bearing
S W Dist 30 miles not in sight
Employed repairing sails Sat 23rd

Saturday the 23rd
first part strong breeze steering
S W at 6 PM raised far from
the land at 4 PM the ship off 100
miles westward the island being
about 1 1/2 miles off bearing S this
island is about 2 1/2 miles long &
wide nothing but a very scanty
piece of grass in the middle and thousand
of birds resting upon it at 5
sent a P. S. sail to cruise in at 6
luffed too on the S back under close
stayed topsails at 6 PM put
her off

This island is but a few
miles above the end of the
line

