

Journal

Monday 1 Dec 1845

Begins with lively gale from W & W ship steering E by S a down along the land middle and latter parts light breezes and calms at 11h 30m 5m lowered all four boats chased hump backs without success Lat 26° 18 Long 112° 50'

Tuesday 2 Dec

Begins with moderate breezes from W & W ship steering E & S running with the heva steering down along the land Lat 25° 39 Long 112° 29'

Wednesday 3 Dec

Begins with lively gale from W & W at 1h 0m the starboard and bow boats went on shore in company with two from the heva at dusk down the boats returned bringing some wood Larboard and waist boats chased hump backs without success this is a very large open bay with shoal water got soundings several times from 12 to 15 fathoms at dark made all sail to the south Lat 25° 5' Long 112° 38'

Thursday 4 Dec

Begins with light breezes from W to North ship steering to the south along the land about three leagues off shore passed an island that is not laid down on our chart close in shore one kid got killed through the night the ship heva has left us at last after she has spoiled our season and let us give the Rajah the slip never looked near the bay where we was to see the Rajah at day light found that we had run to far to the south for a passage into another bay halted the ship up to the wind for another beating match to gain the passage dist off shore at day light about 8 or 10 leagues and 20 miles to leeward saw several hump backs all going to the South East along shore

Lat 24° 20h Long 112° 23 W

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Friday 5 Dec 1845

Light air throughout this day and variable from N N W to E S E ship beating up for Saint Margarets Island and bay saw a ship lying to an anchor she made sail and stood away farther up the bay that we last sight of her saw several hump backs Lat Long

Saturday 6 Dec

Light breezes from the S W to N W came to an anchor in St Margarets Bay with the best bower in 14 fathoms at 8h 0m at 8h 0m we weighed anchor and stood out again for what reasons I do not know saw several hump backs in the bay caught a mops of cat fish at 10h 0m the Larboard and waist boats went on shore caught 1 turtle and got two Pelicans Lat Long

Sunday 7 Dec

Blowing strong gales throughout this day from the N W steering S E a sail in sight standing to the East cape St Lucas in sight saw some hump backs Lat Long

Monday 8 Dec

Blowing heavy through the first and middle parts latter more moderate from the N W under double reefed top sails all night lowered all four boats after Cow fish Lat Long

Tuesday 9 Dec

Thick overcast weather throughout this day steering by the wind to the Eastward winds from the Northward saw a sail standing to the North and Westward Lat Long

Wednesday 10 Dec

Lively breezes throughout from the N N E ship standing to the East at sundown took in top galen sails and flying jib

Lat 21° 38 Long 108° 49