

Remarks while bound to Petropaulski AD 1850

Wednesday September the 18th Commences with a light breeze from the S.W. with cloudy heavy weather the land in sight about 20 miles off Ship with all sail set heading S.E. by S. at 1 P.M. had a shock of an Earthquake it made the Ship tremble for about 4 minutes and passed off at 3.30 P.M. wore ship to the W.N.W. at 7 P.M. light air veering to the South and wore ship to the S.E. through the night calm and pleasant, from 8 to 10 A.M. light air from the West ship by the wind heading S.S.W. Once calm & pleasant Warm weather the land in sight to the Westward 10 leagues off Lat by Chron 52.56 Long by Chron 151.26 East

Thursday September the 19th Commences calm & pleasant from four to 6 P.M. light air from the S.W. and thick fog throughout the night calm and heavy at 6 A.M. light air from the S.S.W. ship heading to the Westward, the latter part baffling air & thick cloudy weather at 12 M. cleared up some & saw the land to the Westward 20 miles off

Friday September the 20th the first part of these twenty four hours light baffling air from the S.W. to the S.E. at 2 P.M. saw two sail to the S.E. at 4 P.M. heeled up the cables & bent them, and at 6 P.M. tacked ship to the S by N. the middle part a fresh breeze and thick weather at 8 A.M. wore ship to the South same time the wind veered to the S.S.E. at 1.30 A.M. kept off West & at 4 it set in a thick fog with rain some the time heeled to the Wind heading S.S.E. and braced up sharp, at 11.31 the wind veered to the S.E. and at 12 M. wore ship to the S.N.E.

Saturday September the 21st Commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. attended with thick rainy weather, Ship by the wind with all prudent sail set heading S.E. by N. carrying sail hard to get off shore at 2 P.M. the wind veered one point to the South ship heading up E by N. at 2.50 increasing strong breezes furlled the fore & Mizzen top gallant sails & at 3.30 P.M. furlled the main top gallant sail at 5.50 P.M. strong gales & rugged weather, and Double reefed the top sail, judging ourselves 40 miles off shore, at 11 P.M. split the jib and furlled the remainder of it, at 3 A.M. the wind veered to the East at the same time wore ship to the S.S.E. at day light 5 A.M. unbutton the jib and sheet another, the latter part the wind more moderate and a heavy swell coming from the S.E. with frequent light squalls of rain & fog at 12 M. the sun came out and found the Lat 52.55 Long by Chron 151.00 East

Sunday September the 22nd Commences with a moderate gale from the East and cloudy rugged weather the Ship under Double reefed top sails heading S.S.E. at 9 P.M. weather more moderate & wore ship to the Northward, at 1 A.M. a moderate breeze from the N.E. and pleasant weather same time kept off W by N. at 10 A.M. light air from the North inclining to a calm braced up the yards heading to the N.N.W. A large swell coming from the East the land in sight to the North & West, the clouds hang over the land so thick that we cannot determine our exact position Lat by Chron 52.40 North Long by Chron 150.00 East

Monday September the 23rd Commences calm and pleasant with a heavy swell rolling from the Eastward, at 3 P.M. light breeze from the S.W. braced the yards heading in W.N.W. at 5 P.M. wore ship heading off shore to the S.E. through the night a light air from the S.S.W. and fair weather the barometer at 29.75 and falling, at 10 A.M. wore ship and stood in shore the land in sight to the Westward 40 miles off three of the crew off duty with the Scurvy & several more of them complaining of stiffness in the legs & sore breasts, Lat by Chron 52.37 North Long by Chron 150.25 East

Tuesday September the 24th these 24 hours commences with a light breeze from the S.S.W. with fair weather the Ship with all sail set steering in N.W. by W. at 6 P.M. heeled to the Wind heading West, the barometer at 29.75 with light breeze from the S.S.W. a small swell coming from the N.E. throughout the night calm & pleasant. at 3 A.M. a light breeze sprang up from the N.E. & set all sail heading N.N.W. for the Bay of Petropaulski at 9 A.M. the wind veered to the N.W. braced the yard ship and took the Studding sail and at 10 got the Anchor, off the bow at 12 M. tacked to the N.N.E. the entrance of the Bay bearing N.W. Dist two leagues.

Wednesday September the 25th Commences with a light breeze from the N.W. and fair weather, Ship under all sail by the wind working into the Bay of Petropaulski at 2 P.M. tacked to the W.S.W. at 3 P.M. the wind left as becalmed with a swell heaving us on shore showered down the Boats & towed the Ship until 7 P.M. when the tide became too strong to stem it, & came to Anchor off the mouth of the Bay in 15 fathoms of Water, with the Best Bower Anchor & 45 fathoms of Chain at day light 5 A.M. a fresh breeze from the N.W. and fair weather got the Ship under weigh and set all sail & worked into the Bay when the tide turned and we came to Anchor, and at 12 M. got under weigh again with a head wind as usual Once with fresh breeze from the N.W. & pleasant