

Remarks while on the Passage to Hong Kong

Thursday December the 25th 1850

Commences with brisk trades from the Eastward and pleasant weather, the ship with all drawing sail set, at 2 P.M. kept off West at 1.30 P.M. furled top gallant sails, at 12 M. N. luffed to the wind with the fore top sail aback heading N by W, at 3 A.M. kept off W by S and at 5.30 saw the Island of Rota one of the Ladrones, bearing per compass West 8 miles, same time hauled to the wind heading to the North to wait for day light, at 7 A.M. kept off and run down for the landing and at 9 the Capt went on shore, at 12 M. the boat returned with Hops, Yams &c and with strong trades and fair weather.

Friday December the 26th Commences with strong trades and fair weather, the ship with whole top sail set lying off and on the Island of Rota, the Capt on shore trading at 1 P.M. sent two boats on shore, and at 6 P.M. the Capt returned to the ship with Hops, Yams, Cocoa Nuts & Oranges took up the boats and kept off N by W at 8 P.M. kept off N.W. by N and set the top gallant sails, the middle and latter part light breezes and fair weather, at 12 M. kept off N.W. Lat by Obs 14.54 North, long by Chron 145.04 East

Saturday December the 27th

Commences with a light breeze from the East attended with fine pleasant weather the ship with all drawing sail set steering N.W., the Watch Employed with Sunday jobs on the rigging, making Spring Yarn &c, at 2 P.M. kept off N.W. the middle & latter part drifting and fair weather. Lat by Obs 15.42 North long by Ast 143.00 East

Sunday December the 28th all these twenty four hours light airs from the East and pleasant weather, the ship with all drawing sail set steering W by N. Lat by Obs 15.45 long by Chron 142.23

Monday December the 29th

A continuation of light airs from the East with pleasant weather the ship with all drawing sail set steering W by N the latter part Employed drying and Bundling Bone. Lat by Ast 15.50 North, long by Ast 141.10 East

Tuesday December the 31st

Commences a light breeze from the East with occasional passing clouds and light showers of rain the ship with all drawing sail set steering W by N the middle & latter part a fresh breeze from the E.S.E. and pleasant weather with a large swell coming from the Northward the Watch Employed Bundling Bone, Nothing of the Whale kind this ends the year sea account, how soon its gone Lat by Obs 16.16 North, long by Chron 138.50 East

Wednesday January the 1st 1851

Commences with a brisk breeze from the E.S.E. attended with fair pleasant weather, and a large swell coming from the Northward which makes the ship roll bad and drawing sail set steering W by N, the Watch Employed drying & Bundling, the middle part the weather much the same at 10 A.M. had a shower of rain, at 11 clear & pleasant, and thus it ends Nothing of the Whale kind in sight to cheer us on our way Lat by Obs 16.30 North, long by Chron 136.48 East

Thursday January the 2nd

Commences with a light breeze from the East with pleasant weather, the ship with all drawing sail set steering W by N, at 4 P.M. saw a sail to the South steering to the Westward, the middle part light breezes, from 2 P.M. till 8 A.M. light showers of rain, at 9 A.M. spread the Bone about to dry, ends with a light breeze & fine pleasant weather. Lat by Obs 16.21 North long by Chron 135.50 East

Friday January the 3rd 1851

Commences with a light breeze from the East and pleasant weather course W by N at 2 P.M. luffed up W by N, the middle and latter part brisk trades and fine weather Nothing of the Whale kind at 12 M. finished Bundling the Bone 253 Bundles Lat by Obs 16.31 North long by Chron 134.05 East

Saturday January the 4th 1851 Commences with a pleasant breeze from the East attended with fine weather, the ship with all drawing sail set steering W by N, the middle part as the former, at 7 A.M. the wind hauled to the N.E. and set the main sail and jibs, the Watch Employed making Spring Yarn and with Sunday jobs on the rigging, the Mast Heads well stowed but Nothing of the Whale kind in sight Lat by Obs 16.49 North long by Chron 131.39 East