

Remarks. While on the Passage towards the Arctic

Tuesday March the 11th 1851

Commences with a strong breeze from the N.E. with a bad swell coming from the Eastward. The Ship under Double reefed top sails & courses standing to the S.S.E. at 2 P.M. bent the jib & set it & let the reefs out of the main top sail at 11 P.M. the wind hauled to the Eastward same time tacked Ship heading up N.N.E. the latter part the wind veering to the Northward again & at 11.30 A.M. veered Ship to the East & set the reefs out of the top sails & set the main top gallant sail.

Lat by Obs 21.28 North Long by Chron 119.29 East

Wednesday March the 12th

These twenty four hours commence with a fresh breeze from the N.N.E. attended with a bad swell from the Eastward, the Ship with prudent sail set, standing by the Wind to the Eastward, the Watch employed with Sunday job, & bottling the oil in the hold, at 3 P.M. set the top gallant sails and at 6 P.M. furled them again, at 7 P.M. the wind veering to the Eastward same time tacked Ship to the North, at 12 M. a increasing gale & furled the main top gallant sail & Double reefed the top sails at 4 A.M. the wind hauled to the North again, and veered Ship to the Eastward & at day light set all sail, the latter part a light breeze and fine weather.

Lat by Obs 22.02 North Long by Chron 119.58 East

Thursday March the 13th

Commences with a light breeze from the N.E. by S. attended with fine pleasant weather the Ship with all sail set heading S by E, from 3 to 6 P.M. calm and pleasant the middle part a light breeze from the N.N.E. and fine weather Ship standing by the Wind to the East, at day light 6 A.M. saw the Island of Formosa bearing per compass N.N.E. 23 miles the latter part a brisk breeze from the East with warm pleasant weather, at 12 M. tacked Ship to the N.N.E.

Lat by Obs 21.50 North Long by Chron 120.21

Friday March the 14th

Commences with a fresh breeze from the S.S.E. with warm pleasant weather the Ship with all sail set standing by the Wind to the N.E. at 3 P.M. stood within 8 miles of Formosa and tacked Ship to the Southward, the middle part light air and fine weather, at 2 A.M. took a light breeze from the West, and kept the Ship East at 9 A.M. passed to the North of Vele Rote Rocks, 2 1/2 miles, same time the South point Formosa bore N.N.E. 5 leagues, saw several hump back Whales through the Day & a Ship in sight to the South, ends with a brisk breeze from the West, & pleasant, Lat by Obs 21.55. Long by Chron 121.43 East.

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Saturday March the 15th

Commences with a brisk breeze from the West with warm pleasant weather, the Ship with all drawing sail set steering East, at 2 P.M. passed the Islands called, Poted Tobago Roma, and kept off S.N.E. at 9 P.M. the wind hauled to the N.W. and at 10 strong increasing breezes from the North & furled the top gallant sails, from 12 to 4 A.M. the wind veering to the N.E. and more moderate, at 5 A.M. set the top gallant sails and at 7 tacked Ship to the N by W, the Watch employed repairing sails, Lat by Obs 21.57 North Long by Chron 122.49 East

Sunday March the 16th

Commences with a brisk breeze from the S.N.E. with pleasant weather, the Ship with all sail set by the Wind heading to the Northward, the middle part a fresh breeze from the East Ship heading N.N.E. and the latter part a fresh breeze gradually hauling to the S.E. with passing clouds, the Ship up S.N.E. Lat by Obs 23.23 North Long by Chron 123.53 East

Monday March the 17th

Commences with a fresh breeze from the S.E. with occasional passing clouds, the Ship with all sail set heading S.N.E. at 4 P.M. the wind from the S.S.E. & kept the Ship E by S through the Night the breeze moderating & hauling to the Westward, at 4 A.M. the wind shifted to the N.N.E. with a heavy shower of rain, same time furled the fore & main top gallant sails & hauled close to the wind heading East the latter part a fresh breeze & cloudy weather. Lat by Obs 23.35 North Long by Chron 125.30 East

Tuesday March the 18th

The first part of these 24 hours commences with a fresh breeze from the N.N.E. & cloudy weather the Ship by the Wind heading East, at 9 P.M. the wind veered to the S.N.E. same time tacked Ship to the North, through the night a light breeze from the East and fair weather the Ship with all sail set heading N.N.E. the latter part light breezes from the S.E. & pleasant Ship heading S.N.E. the Watch employed repairing sails nothing of the Whale kind in sight, 18 minutes out from Home Lat by Obs 24.35 North Long by Chron 126.01 East