

Merchantman

Off Boulton Passage

Monday December The 26th 1864

This day

Came in with a strong breeze from N.W. ship cruising of the island of Boulton. Can't merchantman may come through the passage also a don. a

Tuesday 27th

This day begins with strong wind from the North ship cruising of the Boulton passage, saw 10 merchantmen come through. After dinner commenced rain and continued to until 11 o'clock.

Wed 28th

This day begins with moderate wind from N.W. ship cruising of the wind of the Boulton passage. Afternoon had a very severe squall which lasted 1 hour, took in all sail. At 5 PM saw one sail in the passage steering to the Eastward.

Leaving Boulton for Bourne

Bourne in sight at 10 miles

Thursday December The 29th

This day comes in pleasant

With moderate wind from S.W. ship steering E. At 10 o'clock the island of Bourne came in sight. Afternoon the wind shifted to the N.W. kept the ship off. And steered N.E. saw nothing worthy of note.

Friday The 30th

This day commences with moderate wind from N.W. ship steering N.E. & E. at 3 o'clock P.M. raised the island of Bourne bearing South N.E. at sundown distance 5 miles.

Sat The 31st

This day commences with a rain squall, had the wind from the N.W. at 12 o'clock pleasant commences to rain the house in side of. Out at 3 o'clock came on squall again and washed it off again. The 2nd moderate had a very severe squall of the wind on Cobles. At sun down Bourne bearing N.E.