

Brunett towards Saint Helena

Wednesday
March 27 1843
Last part moderate breeze from the S.W. steering E as a course
middle & latter part southerly rising dismal weather hauled
the topallant sails; at 4 30 took chud down & double reef
the topsails; at 8 A.M. chud up the foretop sail; 10 sat
it again so ends these 24 hours

Lat by obs 34° 15' S
Long by Obs 17° 54' W

Thursday
March 28 1843
commenced with squally weather & copious showers
at 6 in the evening cleared up the stars shown out
Lat in 33° 57' S with great brilliant wind came in to the N.W.
Long in 16° 42' W latter part fresh from the Northward steering East
as a course the watch employed in ripping an old
sail to pieces; one year ago to day, I was getting
ready to follow Elizabeth to the cold & silent grave
but memory brings back to my mind as if it had been
but yesterday;

Friday
March 29 1843
strong breeze from N.W. steering E as a course
took down the topallant sails; at 10 A.M. chud up the
topsails; at 11 A.M. chud up the foretop sail; 10 sat
it again so ends these 24 hours
Lat in 33° 57' S
Long in 14° 23' W stay sail

Edm. Luce Master

Thursday
March 30 1843
fresh breeze from the Northward with passing clouds
steering E & by 11 nothing in sight about the mast
head; dull time enough hope we shall get a
whale soon to revive the crew;

Lat in 32° 57' S
Long in 12° 11' W

Friday
March 31 1843
first part fresh breeze from the Northward; at mid
night came in squally; with copious showers hauled
the topallant sails; at day light more moderate
made sail at 8 A.M. wind shifted in to the South
ward chud down double reef the topsails; moderate
& soon afterwards made all sail again; spotted the
Tristan D'Acuna, yesterday did not see the same
lots of porpoises squid & one turtle; the ground
beque to live up a little; spends the last day of
March early 28 barrels Lat by obs 31° 48' S
Long by Obs 9° 45' W

Saturday
April 1 1843
commenced with light wind & a heavy swell
from the Eastward; at 1 P.M. hauled all three boats
after sperm whales; at 2 the Capt struck on
the rest went off rat & took the Capt's whale
to the ship up tables got the body in at sun
set hooked on the head but the hook lashing parted
lost the hook let the head lay along side through
the night; at dark sat the watch & commenced
boiling rat & hook down to the head at 10 got
it in latter part all hands busily employed
in boiling & clearing away the head
so ends these 24 hours.
Lat by obs 30° 17' S
Long by Obs 8° 45' W