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Log book Jan 8, 1761 – April 3rd 1762

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1761	H	H.T.	Course	winds	Remarks
Janu.y	1				Spithead.
2 8d	2			E.N.E	Weigh'd & came to sail.
	3				
	4				Moderate & cloudy weather.
	5				
	6	8.0	W.S.W		Dunnose bore N. dist. 3 Leagues.
	7	8.0	W b S ½ S		The middle of the Isle of white N.E. 4 Leag.s
	8	8.4			
	9	9.2			
	10	9.4	W b S	E.S.E	
	11	9.5			Portland Lights N.N.W 4 or 5 Leagues.
	12	8.6			
	13	6.4			
	14	6.4			½ past 2 the Gaskets S.W 4 or 5 Miles.
	15	7.0			
	16	7.0	W b N		The Gaskets S.E. ½ E. 4 Leagues.
	17	7.0	W.N.W		
	18	8.0			Cloudy.
	19	8.6			
	20	[redacted]			Saw a sail to the N.E. and two to the N.W.
	21	8.5	N.W		
	22	8.0			The Land bore N.W b N. 8 or 9 Leagues.
d 9	23	7.0			
Noon	00	7.0			D.o Weather. The Start N.N.E. 4 Leagues.

We shortened sail to repair our Rigging; the standing and Running being much shattered, our 3 Lower Masts much wounded in several places, the Boats and Booms tore to pieces, and several shot in our Hull, in this condition we steer'd for Plymouth to refit.

1761	H	H.T.	Course	Winds	Remarks
Jan.y	1	7.0	W.S.W	S.S.W	Moderate & cloudy.
7 9d	2	6.4			
	3	6.4			Jan.y 9th at noon the start bore N.N.E.
	4	6.5			at a little after two it bore N.E. ½ E.
	5	6.5			
	6	6.5			we having run 15 Miles & Log. on a
	7	5.0			W.S.W Course hence the distance of
	8	3.3			the start at Noon. 13 ½ Miles. and
	9	2.4			here I begin my reckoning.
	10	1.4			
	11	2.0			
	12	2.4			
	13	2.4			
	14	3.0	W b [illegible]		[illegible] E.
	15	3.3	W.S.W		
	16	4.2			
	17	5.2			Saw a Light in the N.W.
	18	4.0			
	19	3.0	W b S	S b W	Saw a sail in the S.E quarter which
	20	3.2			gave us chase, [redacted] we
	21	3.6		S.W b S	clear'd Ships for Action, made sail
	22	1.2		S.W	
h	23	2.0	time of the		and kept on our Course.
½ 10	00	2.0	Action.		
Noon					Stove 10 Punchins of beer that was be
					tween the Guns. 4 D.o of Water, ¾ Hogshead
					and 8 Bar.s of water and hove them
					Over Board. at 10 in the Morn.g the Chase came up with us very
					fast. ½ past found her to be a French Frigate of 34 Guns at ¾ past
					10 she brought us to Action, which was very obstinate on both sides, being boar
					and board three different times, we engaged 'till [redacted] 12, when she
					made all the sail she could from us, we followed but she out sails
					us so fast that we could not bring her to Action a second time.

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1761	H	H. I.	Course	Winds	Remarks
Jan. 3d	1	5. 0	NNE	SSW	Moderate and fair.
2 10	2	4. 0	N 6 E		
	3	2/2 0	E NE	SW	Spoke to his Majesties ship Unicorn who inform'd us the ship we engag'd was the Le. Grand Frigate of 34 Guns.
	4	4. 0			
	5	4. 1			
	6	4. 0			
	7	4. 4			
	8	3. 1			
	9	4. 0	- - - -	S.	at 2 d mustered the Ships Company and found the Boatswain, 6. Seamen.
	10	3. 5	- - - -	SW 6 S	The Corperal and 3 private marines
	11	3. 0			
	12	2. 3	E 1/2 N		killd ... Wounded, the Gunner.
	13	3. 5			
	14	3. 0	- - - -	NW 6 W	a Midshipman and 36 Seamen
	15	3. 0			and Marines.
	16	3. 0			Lost sight of the Unicorn. the Lizard
	17	3. 5	- - -	NNW	Lights NNW. dist. 3 or 4 Leagues.
	18	3. 0			moderate & cloudy.
	19	3. 3	- - -	N 6 E	saw the Land from NNE to NNW.
	20	4. 0	East		5 Sail in sight to windward. at
	21	6. 0			8 d in y Morn g clear'd Ships for Action
	22	6. 0	E 6 N		at 1/2 past 8. spoke with his majesties
	23	5. 0			sloop Hornet. -- The Nam-
D 11 d Noon	00	6. 4			head now bears NE 8 or 9 Leagues.
					The Start NE by E. 5 or 6 Leagues.
					fair weather at Noon.

1761	H	H. I.	Course	Winds	Remarks
Jan.	1		ESE	NE	At 1 h Took Ship and Stood in
11 d	2		NW 6 N	NE 6 N	for Plymouth Sound.
	3		N 6 W	NE 6 E	very Hard Squalls of Wind.
	4		N 6 E	E 6 N	
	5				
	6		NE		Fresh Gales and Squally. at 1/2 past
	7				4 fired a gun and made the Signal
	8		- - -	ENE	of Distress.
	9				
	10				
	11				At 8 in the Ev'ning anchord in
	12				Plymouth Sound, Penlee point bore
	13				W 6 S 1/2 S. Vethey Hedge E 6 S. and the
	14				
	15				Mewstone S 6 E. found here
	16				
	17				His Majesties Ships: Jason. Unicorn
	18				and Acton.
	19				
	20				D.o Weather
	21		- - - - - - - - - -		Fired a Gun and made the Signal
	22				of Distress ... The Jason sent two
	23				
D 12 d Noon	00				boats on board of us. . —
					Sent our sick men to the Hospital
					in a Lanch. that came from Hamoaze.

A day or two after this the Ship was carry'd in to Hamoze to be repair'd where she lay 'till the 28 th Jan. when Captain Cha. Cathcart Grant Esq. took the Command in the room of Captain Smith.

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1761		
Jan.		
☿ 28	At 8 in the Morning came on board a Pilot to carry us down to the Sound. at 11 began to work the Ship down. At 4 in the afternoon Anchord in the Sound. Wind E N E. Withey Ledge bore E b S. the Mousstone S b E & Drake Island N.	
2 29	Received 62 Seamen. ~~to [illegible] ship~~ People employ'd cleaning the Decks. Wind E b N. Weather mod. & cloudy.	
♃ 30	In the morning Saild his Majesties ship Dorsetshire and Seaford. People employ'd about the Rigging. Wind D°. — Weather cloudy.	
♄ 31	Little wind and cloudy. — People employ'd about the Rigging.	

1761		
Feb.		
☉ 1st		She whole Moderate and cloudy. with Rain. Anchord from Ramoze his majesties ship Chester. saild from hence his Majesties ship Nottingham. receivd 7 Artieles of War &c. Wind N N W.
D ☽ 2		Moderate and cloudy. People employ'd about ye Rigg. Saild his Majesties ships Guernsey and Swallow Sloop. from sea his Majesties Ship Jason. ... wind Variable.
♂ 3	Weather D°. ..	People employ'd as above.

1761	H	K F	Course & Compass	Winds	Leeway	Variat.	Remarks.
Feb.y	1	5. 0	W	S S W	1 point	18°W	Fresh Breezes. in company
24 5h	2	4. 3	...				with the Brilliant Frigate.
	3	4. 0	W b N	S W b W			
	4	4. 3					
	5	4. 3					
	6	4. 3					
	7	2. 3	S E b S				
	8	3. 0		Variable			
	9	3. 2	S S E ½ E				At 9h P.M. the West Light on Scilly Bore N.N.W ½ W distance about 6 Leagues, and here I begin my Reckoning.
	10	3. 4	S S E				
	11	4. 3	S b E				
	12	4. 2	...	S W b W			
	13	5. 0	S b W	W b S			
	14	5. 3	...				
	15	4. 2	...				
	16	3. 0	...				
	17	2. 3	S S W	W			
	18	3. 2	S W b W	W b N			Saw 4 Sail
	19	4. 3	...	N W b W			
	20	4. 2	...				
	21	5. 3	S W	N N W			Moderate Weather
25 6h	22	4. 5					
Noon	23	5. 0					
6 or	24	5. 0	S W b W				The Brilliant join'd the above Ships.

Course, Correct. on points.	Dist.	N	S	E	W
4 ¼ S E	18. 0	...	12. 0	13. 3	
4 ¾ S E	3. 4	...	2. 0	2. 1	
3 ¾ S E	8. 5	...	6. 3	5. 7	
1 ¾ S E	17. 5	...	16. 4	5. 7	
0 ¾ S E	2. 3	...	2. 3	0. 2	
2 ¼ S W	17. 0	...	15. 3	...	6. 9
1 ¼ S W	15. 0	...	14. 5	...	3. 6
Diff. Lat. from Scilly			68. 8	27. 3	10. 5
				10. 5	
Departure				16. 8	

Lat. Scilly Light House .. 49° 57' N
Diff. Lat. Made 1. 9
Lat. by acct. 48. 48
Obs. 48. 43
on Friday 6th at Noon.

NB. The Long. of Scilly from the Lizard point assume = 1. 00.

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1761 Feb.	H.	H.F.	Course	Winds	Leeway	Varia.	Remarks
♀ 6d	1	5.0	SWbW½W	NWbS			Moderate & Cloudy
	2	4.5	WSW	NW			5 of his Majesties Ships in company.
	3	4.2					
	4	4.2					
	5	5.0	SWbW	NWbW			
	6	5.5	SWbW				The above Ships shortend Sail.
	7	4.4	SW½W	WNW½W			
	8	4.4	SW	WNW			
	9	4.5	SW½W	WNW½N			
	10	5.2					
	11	5.0	SWbW	NWbW			fresh Breezes and Cloudy
	12	5.3	WSW	NW			
	13	4.6					
	14	4.4					
	15	4.3					
	16	5.0					Fresh Breezes with dizling Rain.
	17	4.5					
	18	4.2					
	19	4.0					
	20	4.0	SWbW½W				
	21	3.4	WSW	NW			
	22	5.0		NWbN			Were again in company with the Brilliant.
♄ 7th	23	4.0	SWbW	Variable			
Noon	0	4.3	WSW	NW			
		111.3					

one point in all these courses

one point and a Quarter

Course Corr.t	Dist. miles	N	S	E	W
3 SW	9.0		7.5		5.0
3¼ ditto	64.0		49.0		40.5
2½	19.5		17.0		9.1
2	14.4		13.9		5.6
1½	4.4		4.5		1.3
Diff. Lat. & Dep.t			91.9		61.5
Latry & Departure made 5th			68.8		16.8
			160.7		44.7

Lat. ♃ acc.t yest.y ... 48°.48'
Diff. Lat. ♃ day ... 1.32
Lat. ♃ acc.t ... 47.16
Obs.d ... 47.14
Longe ...

towards Tenarif

1761 Feb.	H.	H.F.	Course	Winds	Leeway	Varia.	Remarks
♄ 7d	1	4.3	WSW	NW			Moderate Breezes & clear.
	2	5.0					
	3	5.0					
	4	5.0					
	5	3.3					
	6	3.5					
	7	3.0					
	8	1.2	SWbW	Variable			Light Airs and Cloudy with drizling Rain.
	9	1.2	SW½W				
	10	2.0	SW	WNW			
	11	1.5					
	12	2.2					
	13	3.0	SWbW				
	14	3.0	SWbW½W				Ditto Weather, with a Swell from the NW.
	15	4.0					
	16	4.0					
	17	3.2	WSW				
	18	4.3					
	19	[illegible]					
	20	[illegible]					Saw a Sail NNE.
	21	5.0		NW			
	22	5.2					
☉ 8th	23	5.2	WSW½W	NWbN			Saw two Sail to NNW and one to SW.
Noon	0	3.4	WSW	NW			
		90.0					

one point because of a great Swell

one point & a half

Course Corr.t	Dist.	N	S	E	W
3½ SW	62.1		48.0		39.0
2½	4.2		3.7		2.0
2	1.2		1.1		0.5
1½	6.0		5.7		1.7
3	11.0		9.1		6.1
4	5.2		3.6		3.6
	90.0		71.2		52.9
Diff. Lat. & Dep. made from Scilly			160.7		44.7
			231.9		97.6

Lat. ♃ acc.t 6 ... 47°.16'
Diff. ♃ day ... 1.11
Lat. ♃ acc.t ... 46.5
Long. ...

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