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His Majesty's Ship Comus. moored at Spithead

[[5 Columned Table]]

Week days | Mth Days | Winds | No Sgt. | Remarks & Occurrences  
Nov'r 1814 |

--- | --- | --- | --- | --- |  
Tuesday | 29th | NW B W. | | AM/. Fresh breezes and squally with  
Rain. employ'd starting spalling water & otherwise as requisite. 8  
Completed out Water. 45 Tons employ'd stowing Boatswain and  
Carpenter stores. rec'd 10 half barrells of powder - |  
| | | | PM/. Moderate and hazy. employed variously. Sunset. down  
Top Gall't yards and struck the masts. |  
| | | | Mid't fresh breezes & Squally with Rain |  
Wednesday | 30th | W.N.W. | | AM/. Fresh breezes and squally with  
Rain 8 Same Weather. at 9 light airs Northerly up T. Gall't masts. and  
loosed sail today. 11:30 furled sails. |  
| | | | PM/. Light airs & hazy Employ'd clearing ship for Sea. 8  
Fresh breezes and fn |  
| | | | Mid't. Same Weather. |

[[7 Columned Table]]

H | K. | F. | Courses | Winds | No. Sig's | Remarks &c. 1 Dec'r 1814. |

--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |  
1 | | | | N. N.W. | | AM/. Moderate clear Weather |  
2 | | | | | | |  
3 | | | | | | |  
4 | | | | | | | 4 Same Weather. |  
5 | | | | | | |  
6 | | | | | | |  
7 | | | | | | |  
8 | | | | | | | 8 Same Weather. 9 cross'd T. Gall't yards |  
9 | | | | | | | 9:30 unmoored ship and hove in to |  
10 | | | | | | | 1/2 cable on the Best Bower - |  
11 | | | | | | | Noon Moderate & fine |  
12 | | | | N.B.W. | | |

[[5 Columned Table]]

Course | Dist'ce | Lat'de in | Long'de in | Bearings and distance at  
Noon. |

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| | | | | Single anchor at Spithead. |

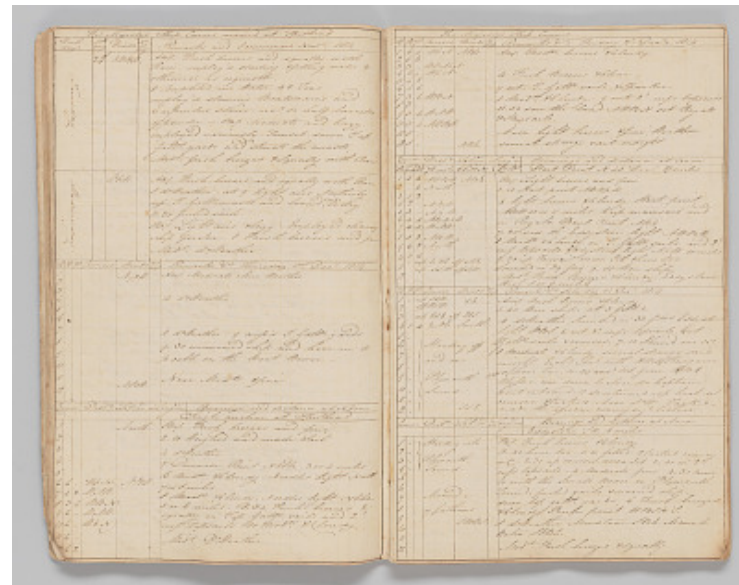
[[7 Columned Table]]

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1 | | | | North. | | AM. Fresh bresses and fine. |  
2 | | | | | | | 2:10 Weighed and made Sail |  
3 | | | | | | |  
4 | | | | | | | 4 Same Weather. |  
5 | | | | | | | 5 Dunnose Point NE b N 3 or 4 miles |  
6 | 6 | - | W 1/2 N. | N.B.W. | | 6 Mod'te & Cloudy. Needles Light North  
7 | 4 | 2 | W. N.W. | | | 7 or 8 miles |  
8 | 3 | 4 | W B N | | | 8 Mod'te & Cloudy. Needles Light |  
9 | 6 | - | W. N.W. | | | 5 or 6 miles. 8:30 Fresh breezes & |  
10 | 6 | - | W 1/2 N | | | squally in Top Gall't sails and 2d |  
11 | 6 | - | | | | reef topsails 10 Mod'te & Cloudy |  
12 | 6 | 2 | | | | Mid't Same Weather |

His Majesty's Ship Comus

[[7 columned table]]

H | K | F | Courses | Winds | No Sig'ls | Remarks &c Friday 2d Dec'.



1814 |  
 --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |  
 1 | 6 | 4 | W 1/2 N | N.B.W. | | AM/. Mod'te breezes & Cloudy. |  
 2 | 6 | 6 | | | | |  
 3 | 3 | - | W B N 1/2 N | | | |  
 4 | 4 | - | W 1/2 N. | | | 4 Fresh Breezes & Clear |  
 5 | 4 | 2 | | | | |  
 6 | 4 | 6 | | | | |  
 7 | 3 | 6 | N.B. N. | | | 7 set. T. Gatt't. sails & Spanker |  
 8 | 3 | - | | | | 8 Mod'te & Cloudy. 9 out 2d reefs topsails |  
 9 | 5 | 6 | W NW | | | 11:50 saw the land. NWB N set Royals |  
 10 | 5 | 4 | N.W. B.W. | | | & Stansails. |  
 11 | 5 | - | | | | Noon light breezes & fine Weather |  
 12 | 5 | - | | | | N.B.E. | Several strange sail insight. |

[[5 Columned Table]]  
 | Course | Dist'ce | Lat'de in | Long'de in | Bearings and distance at  
 Noon. |  
 --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |  
 | [[S 64°42 W't | 72 miles | 50°00 N. | 3°17 [[SW?]] | Start Point N 45°  
 West 17 miles |

[[7 columned table]]  
 1 | 1 | 4 | NW B W. | N. 1/3 E | | PM/. Light breezes and fine |  
 2 | - | 6 | North. | | | 2":10 Start point N B 1/3 W. |  
 3 | 1 | 2 | | | | 4 light breezes & Cloudy. Start point |  
 4 | 2 | - | N.B.W. | | | N B W 10 or 11 miles. 6 up mainsail and |  
 5 | 3 | - | N 1/2 W. | | | in Royals. Praul [[Prawle]] Point N.B.E. |  
 6 | 4 | 4 | N B W 1/2 W | | | 7:20 saw the Eddystone light NW B W. |  
 7 | 5 | 5 | W. N.W. | | | 8 Mod't & Cloudy. in T. Gall't sails. and 2d |  
 8 | 5 | 2 | N.B.W. | | | reef topsails. Eddystone light NNW. 10 miles |  
 9 | 6 | 2 | North. | | | 9:30 up Foresail down. Jib shove too |  
 10 | 3 | 4 | | | | Sounded in 39 fms 9" 55 Wore [[War]] ships. |  
 11 | - | up | E. N.E. off N.E. | | | Mid't Fresh Breezes & Cloudy.  
 Eddystone |  
 12 | | up | S.S.W. off S.W. | | | West 8 or 9 miles |

[[7 Columned Table]]  
 | H | K | F | Courses | Winds | No Sig'ls | Remarks &c Saturday 3d De'r  
 1814. |  
 --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |  
 1 | - | | up S.S.W. | S.E. | | AM/. Fresh breezes & Cloudy. |  
 2 | | | off W.S.W. | | | 1:40 Wore ship. at 3 filled. |  
 3 | | | up E.S.E. off E.b.S. | | | 4 Same Weather Sounded 33 fms  
 Eddystone |  
 5 | - | } | | | | light W B S. 5. out 2d reefs topsails. set |  
 6 | - | } | | | | T Gall't sails & Courses. 7:10 Sheered our N° |  
 7 | - | } | Standing off | 8 Moderate & Cloudy. Several Strange sail |  
 8 | - | } | and on | | | insight. Exch'd No's: with H M S. Kangaroo |  
 9 | - | } | Plymouth | | 108 | 10 hove too. 10:35 [[?]] 108 from H.M.S. |  
 10 | - | } | Sound. | Ulysses. ver [[veered]] down to close H M S Captain  
 |  
 11 | - | } | | went onboard. 11 Captain returned ship boat set |  
 12 | - | } | S.S.E. | courses. & tacked. Noon Same W'r. Tacked. |  
 | | | | | made the African convoy sig'l to close.

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 | Course | Dist'ce | Lat'de in | Long'de in | Bearings and distance at

Noon. |  
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |  
| | | | Eddystone SW. 6 miles. |

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1		-		}	Standing into			PM/. Fresh breezes & Cloudy.	
2		-		}				12:45 hove too. 1:10 filled. 2 tacked	convoy
3		-		}	Plymouth			in Co. 2:30 up courses, down Jib. 3:40 in 2°	
4		-		}	Sound.			reefs topsails. 4 Moderate fine. 4:30 came	
5								to with the Small Bower in Plymouth	
6								Sound. furled sails & moored ship.	
7					Moored in			down top gall't yards. 6 Fresh breezes	
8								& Cloudy. Penlee Point W B S 1/2 S.	
9					7 fathoms			8 Same Weather Menstone S B E. Mount	
10					S W B S.			Baton S.E.B.E.	
11									
12								Mid't Fresh breezes & Squally.	

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