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His Majesty's Ship Comus. Plymouth Sound

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Week days | M'th Days | Winds | No. Sig'l | Remarks &c. December
1814 |

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Monday | 19th | W.NW | | AM/. Strong breezes. at 8 more moderate. |
| | | | Fidded the topmasts & loosed courses. Emp'd |
| | | | working up punk. PM/. Mod'te & cloudy. Swayed |
North | | the lower yards up. Mid't. Mod'te & Cloudy Weather.

Tuesday | 20th | N.E. | | AM/. Light breezes & cloudy. 6 Up T Gallt's
masts |

| | | | & crossed the yards. 9 loosed sails to dry. Emp'd |
| | | | setting the rigging up fore & aft. PM/. Light breezes & cloudy

W'r |

| | | | employ'd as above. furled Sails. rec'd water pr. |
East. | | lighter. Mid't. Light & breezy Weather. |

Wednesday | 21st | E.S.E. | | AM/. Fresh breezes. 5:30 repeated
Convoy sig'l to |

| | | | unmoor. 6 unmoored & hove in to a whole cable |
| | | | on the B't B'r [[Best Bower]] 7 made Convoy Sig'l to weigh.

at 8.

| | | | Strong breezes. rec'd sundry provisions Pr Lighter |
| | | | 11 Carried away the stoppals of the B't B'r cable. |
| | | | let go the small Bower. furled sails & let go small Bower |
| | | | again. Repeated Convoy sig'l for ships astern |
| | | | to make more sail with a Gun. Noon Strong |
| | | | breezes with small rain. PM/ Fresh Gales |
| | | | with small rains. at 1 hove short on the |

227 | best bower, the ship cast the wrong way. |

337 / 966 | let go the Small Bower. anchored in the |

864 / 1719 | [[fo?]] ground off Redding Point. Struck |

570 | TGallt's masts and veered 2/3 on both Cables. |

864 | Made Sig'l to the Shore as Pr. Column |

179 | Bent the second cable of the small bower to |

| the Spare anchor made sig'l for a pilot |

| with two guns. 4 Fresh gale & small rains W'r. 6 Hard Gales

& |

| | | | Squally. 8 Hard Gales & Squally Weather. 12 Hard gales & |

| | | | S.E.B.E. | | Squally with Heavy Rain |

[[7 Columned Table]]

H | K | F | Courses | Winds | No Sig'l | Remarks &c Thursday 22d Dec'r
1814 |

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1 | | | | S.E.B.E. | | AM/. Hard gales & squally |

2 |

3 | | | | 4 Hard gales & squally Weather |

4 | | | | 8 Hard gales & squally W'r made sig'l to Centaur as pr.

Column |

5 | | | | 9 Pilot came on board, hove up the B't |

6 | | | | Bower. 10 got hawsers from the Dolphin |

7 | | | | 11 3d reef topsails. hove up the S'd. |

8 | | | | Bower cut the hawser & made sail |

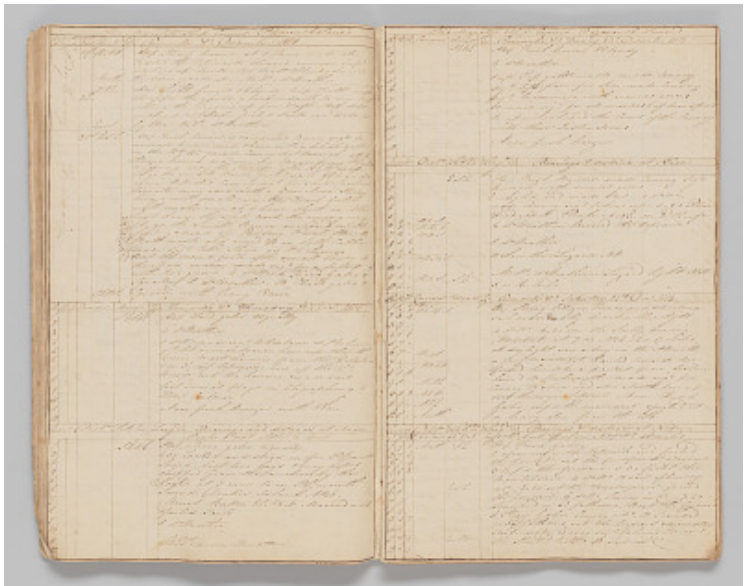
9 | | | | lost several flags in telegraphing to |

10 | | | | HMS Centaur |

11 | | | | Noon fresh Breezes with Rain |

12 |

[[5 Columned Table]]



| Course | Dist'ce | Lat'de in | Long'de in | Bearing and distance at Noon |
|--------|---------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | | | Penlee Point SWb S. 1/2 mile |

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| 1 | | | | | | S.E.b.E. PM/. Strong gales & Squally |
|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2 | | | | | | 1:30 Tacked and stood in for Plymouth |
| 3 | | | | | | Sound. lost two buoys & buoy ropes |
| 4 | | | | | | chopped from the anchor by the |
| 5 | | | | | | Rocks. at 3 came to in Plymouth |
| 6 | | | | | | Sound. Drakes Island N B E. |
| 7 | | | | | | Mount Batten E b N 1/2 N. Moored ship |
| 8 | | | | | | & furled sails |
| 9 | | | | | | 8 Strong gales & Squally Weather |
| 10 | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | Mid't. more mod'te |
| 12 | | | | | | |

His Majestys Ship Comus Plymouth Sound

[[7 Columned Table]]

| H | K | F | Courses | Winds | No Sig'l | Remarks &c Friday 23d December 1814 |
|----|---|---|---------|-------|----------|---|
| 1 | | | | | | S.E.B.E AM/. Fresh breezes & Cloudy |
| 2 | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | 4 Same Weather |
| 4 | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | 8 up Top gall't masts. made Convoy |
| 6 | | | | | | sig'l to prepare for Sea. made convoy |
| 7 | | | | | | sig'l to unmoor with several guns |
| 8 | | | | | | 10 made sig'l for all masters of transports |
| 9 | | | | | | to repair on board the Com.. of the convoy |
| 10 | | | | | | with their Instructions |
| 11 | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | Noon fresh breezes |

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| Course | Dist'ce | Lat'de in | Long'de in | Bearing and distance at Noon |
|--------|---------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
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| 1 | | | | | | E.S.E. PM/. Fresh Breezes. made Convoy Sig'l |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| 2 | | | | | | to weigh with several guns |
| 3 | | | | | | 3 weigh'd and made sail. 4 Fresh Breezes W'r |
| 4 | | | | | | made Convoy sig'l to bear up. 5:30 Ram |
| 5 | | | | | | Head N ½ W. Penlee N.N.E. in 2d Reefs |
| 6 | | 3 | | " | | W ½ N 6 Fresh Breezes Weather, lowered the topsails |
| | | 3 | | " | | W.B.N. |
| 7 | | 6 | | " | | W.B.S. |
| 8 | | 5 | | 6 | | 8 Fresh Breezes Weather |

| | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|---|--------|-------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 9 | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| 10 | 6 | " | | | | |
| 11 | 6 | " | W ½ S. | S. E. | | Mid't. Fresh Breezes Weather. Lizard |
| light | N ½ W | | | | | |
| 12 | 6 | " | | | | 5 or 6 miles |

[[7 Columned Table]]

| H | K | F | Courses | Winds | No Sig'l | Remarks &c Saturday 24th Dec'r 1814. |
|----|----|-------|------------|-------|----------|---|
| 1 | 3 | 6 | W ½ S | | | AM/. Strong breezes. made and shortened |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | W b N ½ N. | | | sail occasionally, burnt a blue light |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | |
| 3 | 7 | " | | | | |
| 4 | 6 | 4 | | | | 4 Strong breezes W'r. 6:30 saw the Seilly bearing |
| 5 | 7 | " | | | | NW N W 1/2 W. at 7 Saw the Seilly bearing N.B.E. 16 |
| or | 17 | miles | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | " | West. | | | at day light saw a brig in the NW with |
| 7 | 4 | | | | | a jury mainmast, hauled towards her |
| 1 | 4 | | N.W.b.W. | | | found her to be a packet from Lisbon |
| 8 | 8 | 6 | | | | bound to Falmouth. made sig'l for |
| 9 | 8 | | N.b.E. | | | Convoy to close and steer North, bore up |
| 9 | | | | | | & set the mizen topsail. Noon Fresh |
| 10 | 8 | 2 | N.b.W. | | | Gales, reef'd the mainsail & furl'd it |
| 11 | 9 | " | N.b.E. | | | a heavy Sea from the S.E. |
| 12 | 8 | " | North. | | | |

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| Course | Dist'ce | Lat'de in | Long'de in | Bearing and distance at Noon |
|-------------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| N 78°45W't. | 64 Miles | 51° 10 N | 6° 50 W't | Cork Harbour N 27° W't 111 miles. |

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| | | | | | | |
|----|---|---|--------|------|--|--|
| 1 | 7 | 6 | North. | S.E. | | PM/. Fresh Gales. |
| 2 | 7 | 6 | | | | 2 close reef'd the topsails and furl'd |
| 3 | 7 | 4 | | | | the fore topdsails. set the foretopmast staysail |
| 4 | 6 | 2 | | | | 3 reef'd the foresail. 3:30 furl'd the |
| 5 | 6 | | | | | Main topsail. 4 Fresh Gales W'r. 12 Sail of Convoy |
| 6 | 5 | | E.S.E. | | | in Co. 4:45 set the Forestaysail. furl'd |
| 7 | 4 | | | | | the foresail. 6 Fresh Gales W'r. Convoy in Co. |
| 8 | 4 | | | | | Sounded in 62 fathoms. Bent the trysail |
| 9 | 4 | | | | | 8 Strong Gales. Convoy in Co. 12 Sounded |
| 10 | 4 | | | | | in 56 fathoms, set the trysail & mainstay |
| 11 | 2 | | E.N.E. | | | sail. made Convoy sig'l on |
| 12 | 2 | | | | | the Starb'd tack 12 Sail in Co. |

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