

**STAG**

## Details of Voyage

From Captain's Log Captain Henry Nelson Clarke, Master.

- 30.12.1854 Deptford - River Pilot brought Master to ship to prepare for convicts.
- 1.1.1855 Monday – From Barge “Signet” filled 18T water.
- 2.1.1855 Tuesday - From Barge “Signet” filled 20T water.+ 1 jar chloride of zinc.
- 3.1.1855 Wednesday – Stowed water casks
- 4.1.1855 Thursday – Painting ship externally.
- 5.1.1855 Friday – Materials for fitting delivered.
- 6.1.1855 Saturday – Contractor fitting
- 8.1.1855 Monday – Filled 15T water and casks
- 9.1.1855 Tuesday – Filled 18T water and received 50T ordnance stores. viz. Prison doors, standards and clothing.
- 10.1.1855 Wed. -Casks delivered for water and boatswain's stores.
- 11.1.1855 Thurs. - Filled remainder of water and ship's stores delivered.
- 12.1.1855 Fri. –52 bags bread, sails and stores.
- 13.1.1855 Sat.-Received remainder of ship's stores. pumped ship at 22 inches.
- 15.1.1855 Mon. – Stores for Guards & convicts delivered.
- 16.1.1855 Tues. – Stores for Guards & convicts, ships arms, chest etc.,
- 17.1.1855 Wed. – Naval yard stores, bedding. (snow)
- 18.1.1855 Thurs.- Ship's company joined – attending to boats, lashing spares. 4.00pm all stores on board and ready to receive Guard.
- 19.1.1855 Fri. – Guards bedding 11.00am 1 Sgt Maj. & 12 Rank & file E.P.F. embarked unmoored, towed to Woolwich, moored with 2 bower anchors. Embarked Surg., 2 Warders & wives and 5 juveniles.
- 20.1.1855 Woolwich – Sat – Embarked 1 Warder & wife and 2 juvenile. 2 prisoners Pentonville and Millbank
- 21.1.1855 Sunday – Embarked 24 convicts from Hulk “Warrior”, 24 from hulk “Defence”. Beef and Veg ex Woolwich. Proceeded to Gravesend.
- 22.1.1855 Gravesend – weighed proceeded to Nore Lt. by steam tug. Snow, breeze 10
- 23.1.1855 Nore Lt. weighted set all sail.
- 24.1.1855 Spithead
- 25.1.1855 embarked 60 convicts ex Portsmouth Prison. Weighed anchored Portland Light 10.30pm.
- 26.1.1855 Portland Lt. – Woodrow James child died committed to the deep. Weighed. Anchored Portland 4.30pm.
- 27.1.1855 Portland – Snow. 85 Convicts, 1 Warder embarked. Weighed sailed to Plymouth, no pilot coming in, head to wind, very lightly struck off end of Drake's Island. Floated off after short time. Proceeded to Govt. Anchorage. Sounded well, tight as usual. (Drake's Island 400m long). Hoisted light for pilot at fore top-gallant, mast head.
- 28.1.1855 Sunday – Plymouth – Surgeon performed Divine Service.

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- Reported grounding to Superintendent's office ashore. Ordered to seal pump; report water made in 12 hours.
- 29.1.1855 Ship made 4 inches in 12 hours.
- 30.1.1855 Seaman J. Atkinson Died – Buried ashore – Snow.  
6 E.P.F. + 2 wives, 30 convicts ex Dartmoor embarked.
- 31.1.1855 Ship made 3 inches in 12 hours.
- 1.2.1855 Provisions delivered, completing. 6 months supply.  
1 Sgt, 11 rank & file + 20 wives + 30 juveniles. E.P.F. complete.
- 2.2.1855 Gale, heavy snow. Let go starboard anchor.
- 3.2.1855 Cutter "Coronation" delivered. Provisions & water. Lt carried away. Spiritsail yard.  
4.00pm move up starboard anchor.
- 4.2.1855 Received sailing orders from Surgeon/Superintendent.
- 5.2.1855 Sailed – weighed 8.00am sailed.
- 12.2.1855 Gale SW, lightning, topsails close reefed, courses furled.
- 15.2.1855 Part of head fitting washed away.
- 16.2.1855 Parts of head gratings & seats washed away.
- 18.2.1855 Sunday – Hail, rain. Divine Service in Prison.
- 19.2.1855 Madeira Island passed tween islands Porto Santo.
- 20.2.1855 Carrying all plain sail.
- 21.2.1855 Bedding on deck.
- 22.2.1855 Sighted Teneriffe - Prisoners on deck most days. Eat 2 bags bread daily. Bedding to air.
- 24-26. Steady trade winds. Small-pox on board.
- 27.2.1855 Port poop awning cabin made into hospital for families.
- 4.3.1855 Hatchways tented over to improve ventilation below.
- 6.3.1855 Chain locker forced, prisoner cut through to after-hold.
- 7.3.1855 Several prisoners cross-ironed.
- 10.3.1855 Removed 1 warder to R.I. cabin. Converted his berth to hospital.
- 12.3.1855 Harry Beasley, infant E.P.F. 10 month died – committed to deep.
- 19.3.1855 Convict John Batty struck man undressing previous evening and stole clothes. Ship company mustered aft., E.P.F. under arms., 48 lashes.
- 23.3.1855 Small-pox.
- 4.4.1855 Seaman Thomas Goodman died – consumption.
- 7.4.1855 Tristan Da Cunha Passed between islands, inaccessible Island and Nightingale Island.
- 8.4.85 James Gerald (3 yrs) died.
- 14.4.1855 In top Gal. sails and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reef of top sails. (Written order from Surgeon to put into Simon's Bay for Provisions and Fresh water.
- 16.4.1855 Set Starboard studding sails (wind S.W.) increasing breeze.
- 17.4.1855 Put Anchor over ready and bent the cables. Hauled up 60 fms and secured locker.
- 18.4.1855 Cape of Good Hope – Pilot not boarded due to 1 child measles aboard – quarantined.
- 19.4.1855 50t water loaded from cable length.

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- 20.4.1855 2 tiers of salt water ballast pumped off.
- 21.4.1855 Coke delivered.
- 23.4.1855 Provisions received, weighed. Noon Cape hang klip N.W. 12m. sailed.
- 30.4.1855 Patrick McDonnell (1 Yr) died.
- 1.5.1855 Sarah Ann Druman 10 months died.
- 2.5.1855 Fanny Rich, Warder's wife daughter born.
- 5.5.1855 Issued 24 striped shirts, 24 pr fustian trousers (ex Board of Ord.)
- 7.5.1855 Gale from N.N.W. Double reefed top-sail, reefed foresail.
- 12.5.1855 St Paul's Island in sight. N.N.E.
- 18.5.1855 Gale.
- 19.5.1855 Coote, E.P.F. Daughter born. 2 bags of biscuits broached daily.
- 22.5.1855 Gale. Close reefed fore topsails.
- 23.5.1855 Gale. Have to close reefed main topsail and storm trysail. – Hauled up 60 ftms cable.
- 24.5.1855 Sighted land E. by N. Noon lighthouse and Rottnest Island N.N.E. Board by Government Pilot Goss, Henry. Who took charge and conducted to anchorage. Fremantle light N.E.  $\frac{3}{4}$  N Rottnest N.W. by W furled all sails. Pumped the ship out, set anchor watch.
- 25.5.1855 Friday Fremantle: Fresh breeze from W.S.W.. Shortened in cable. Weather squally. Veered out chain. Made fast. Noon. Moderate winds and fine. 3.00pm weighed, under direction of pilot, to proceed to Owen's Anchorage. Set fore and aft sails. Stood short time to North, put ship before the wind, took in all sail. A black buoy starboard bow. Ship Struck – retained headway, bumping heavily, grounded. Pilot said ship-length eastward ship would float. Made sail but still fast. Took charge from pilot, he evidently not fit, clewed up, furled all sail. Hoisted signal for harbour master fired several rockets at dark. Cleared boats for lowering hoisted out long boat. Prisoners below.
- 7.00pm H.M. described location Send of Success Bank. Pilot had gone wrong side of black buoy. Advised: run out anchor to S. said weather appeared fine, ship would not damage should she remain there a week. I requested boats to be sent as rocks seen off bow and ship had probably received serious damage.
- 8.00pm Sailing came with Police Magistrate and another Pilot (who would not take charge when told H.M. had been off) Commenced disembarkation of wives and prisoners.
- 10.30p.m. Ship moved, not more than 30 government people remained. Wind veered westward. bumped 2 or 3 times heavily. Mr Buck and Mr Bennett took charge, anchored in stream chain and anchor had been placed in longboat, not now required, transferred to the "carpenter". Well sounded every 5 minutes.
- Midnight pumped ship at 25 inches. Sent people below all people from shore having left. Sounded well every  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour till 2.00am not make much water, discontinued sounding.
- 26.5.1855 (Saturday) Fresh breeze W.S.W. veered to 60 fathoms, squared yards. Afternoon landed, reported ship to commissary General and required when boats being sent for remaining people and baggage.
- 7.00pm. pumped ship at 24 inches, well 12 inches set anchor watch.
- 27.5.1855 Sunday - Fresh W. winds, fine. No work – Sabbath. Noon Sgt Maj. sent ashore. 5.00pm returned – ordered to stop all communication with shore. 7.00pm pumped ship

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at 22 inches.

28.5.1855 Monday. – Mod. N.W. wind, fine. Loosed all sails.  
8.00am scrubbed hammocks.  
11.00am received 20lb fresh meat, 7lb veg. 11lb potatoes, 16lb soft bread.  
4.00pm Police magistrate along side with letters for Surgeon.  
Ordered to air and fumigate seaman's clothes and bedding.  
8.00pm Light W. wind fine. Set Anchor watch.

Signed H.N. Clarke, Master  
29<sup>th</sup> May 1855

**Summary : E.P.F, Families, Convicts only.**

<b>Embarked</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>E.P.F.</b>	<b>Wives</b>	<b>Juv.</b>	<b>Convicts.</b>
Deptford	19.1.1855	(Inc S.M.)13			
Woolwich	20.1.1855				2
Woolwich	21.1.1855				48
Spithead	25.1.1855				60
Portland	27.1.1855				85
Plymouth	30.1.1855	6	2		30
Plymouth	1.2.1855	(Inc Sgt.)12	20	30	
Born	19.5.1855			1	
Sub Total		31	22	31	225
Died	26.1.1855			1	
	12.3.1855			1	
	8.4.1855			1	
	30.4.1855			1	
	1.5.1855			1	
Landed		31	22	26	225