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**JOHN P. RICOU**

**Diary, 1872**

**Reel M437**

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Diary kept by John P. Ricou on the voyage of the barque *Indus* from London to Brisbane, 6 April – 3 July 1872.

The diary, which mostly contains short entries, refers to the departure from Gravesend (10 April), the weather, meals, the sighting of La Palma (Canary Islands), church services, the sighting of ships, concerts, dances, deaths of passengers, crossing the Equator (7 May), fights between passengers, sighting of albatrosses and porpoises, mountainous seas in the Indian Ocean, Christy Minstrel performances, the sighting of Cape Otway (24 June), the east coast of Australia, the sighting of Moreton Island, and the arrival at Brisbane.

John Ricou (c.1853-1908) was a steerage passenger on the *Indus*. The *Indus*, commanded by Captain E.P. Ellis) was a 1319 ton barque which on this voyage carried 508 passengers.

Note: The diary is on the same reel as a small collection of letters of John Fitzsimmons. With both collections, the images appear from right to left on the reel.