

Journal of Bark Active of New Bedford

Thursday Aug^r 14th 1856

Commences with moderate calm weather at 2. P.M. a breeze from S.W. standing off and on at St Michael bay middle part strong breeze latter part blowing a gale took in sail to close reefed fore and double reefed main topsails at 8. P.M. spoke Bark Hecla of New Bedford Capt Smalley 24. Mo^r out 45 lbs Sp landed so ends these 24 hours standing on different tacks under the lee of the Island of

St Michael

Friday Aug^r 15th

Commences with a gale from S.W. standing on different tacks at 4. some moderate at 5. spoke Hecla Capt Wood went on board sat jib spauken foresail at 8. P.M. Capt Wood returned sat mainsail middle part wind caught to N.N.W. wore ship to W. latter part moderate and pleasant steering S.S.E. for St Marys Island under all drawing sail so ends these 24 hours off

S.W. point St Michael

Saturday Aug^r 16th

Commences with moderate pleasant weather under all sail course S.S.E. wind N.W. at 3. P.M. spoked a whale Bark steering by the wind to N.E. at 4. P.M. saw St Marys bearing S. by E middle part laying aback off St Marys at 7. P.M. Capt Wood went on shore to trade for potatoes at 10. A.M. returned without success potatoes were very scarce and to dear to be approached by a whaleman or any one else so ends these 24 hours making the best of our way back to St Michael

St Marys bearing N.E. distance 20 miles

Capt Wood bound to Pacific Ocean 1856

Sunday Aug^r 17th 1856

Commences with fine breeze and pleasant weather under all sail wind veered to N. headed to W. N.W. middle part wind hauled N.W. tacked ship to N.N.E. at 10. A.M. saw St Michael ahead so ends these 24 hours

St Michael distance 25 miles N.N.E.

Monday Aug^r 18th

Commences with fine breeze from N.W. headed to N.N.E. at 3. P.M. tacked off shore saw a whale Bark laying off and on at Ponta del Corado middle part took in light sail at daylight kept off and on for St Michael bay saw ship Lapwing steering down South side of the Island last night spoke Bark Cipsy of New Bedford 3 mo^r out 60. Sp landed Capt Smith ashore sick with dysentery so ends another 24 hours off

St Michael Bay

Tuesday Aug^r 19th

Commences with fine weather wind to N.W. laying off and on at St Michael bay under easy sail at 10 A.M. sent a boat on shore with the man who had been on board here four or five days to trade middle part took in light sail headed off shore at 6. A.M. wore ship to S.W. latter part fresh breeze

West end of St Michael bore S.E. distance 15 miles

Wednesday Aug^r 20th

Commences with fresh breeze from W. N.W. standing on different tacks at sunset took in sail middle part moderate at daylight sat all sail and tacked ship to N.W. under light from N.N.E. latter part the same at 12. M. spoke ship 10. R. Rotch. Ellison of New Bedford 6. Mo^r out 68. Sp landed Capt Wood went on board so ends these 24 hours off

St Michael