

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Homeward Bound 1844

Tuesday Jan 16 Commenced with calm hazy weather at 3 AM commenced stowing water & provisioning in the fore hold & got a boat load of wood at 9 finished stowing & cleared up decks brisk wind from E & thick rainy weather at 1 PM more pleasant sent up topgallent yards & took in the Old Boat at 3 PM & went to New Island The Mercury had gone out Captain Wall went fishing got 2 mule light wines from S & B & Bury so ends

Wednesday Jan 17 These twentyfour hours begining with light wind from S & Bury at 4 PM more pleasant called all hands to get under way for home at 5 took the anchor & stood out the harbor steering N by W all hands imployed in stowing anchors & chains & clearing up decks for sea have new fore braces & at 7 PM Steady jason bearing SE 15 miles strong wind from SSW & Squally steering N E so ends
Lat 54.26 S

Thursday Jan 18 The first part brisk gales from SSW & Squally steering N E at 3 PM past a ship resembling to the rest of the middle part light wind & pleasant imployed in ships duty wore new braces main tacks & sheets got up topmast & bar studding sail boom at 7 PM set studding sail light wind from WNW so ends
Lat 50.02 S Long 58.36 W

Friday Jan 19 These twentyfour hours begining with light wind from WNW & cloudy weather steering N E the wind hauled to SSW & Squally took in studding sails & flying jib at 11 past 6 AM took in topgallent sails strong wind & thick weather the middle part some rain at 2 PM single reefed the main & 2 reefed the fore & main topsails at 5 more moderate let 4 reef out the fore topsail & set topgallent yards at 8 let all the reefes out brisk wind from WNW at 8 thick fog so ends
Lat 48.11 S

Saturday Jan 20 Commenced with brisk gales from WSW & pleasant weather steering N E at 4 PM set topmast & bar studding sail at 8 sent up main topgallent studding sail boom & set the sail at 1 PM sent up the fore & set the sail wore new main & main topsails & the watches imployed in ships duty saw nothing so ends
Lat 48.01 S

Sunday Jan 21 The first part of this day brisk gales from WSW steering N E the middle part the wind SW steering N E the latter part wind S by S steering N E saw nothing so ends
Lat 46.48 S Long 47.11 W

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Monday Jan 22 The first & middle part of this day brisk gales from SSW & Squally with hail & rain steering N E imployed in ships duty the last part the wind S by W saw nothing so ends
Lat 44.58 S

Tuesday Jan 23 This day begining with strong wind from WSW & pleasant weather steering N E at 6 PM wind W took in topgallent & lower studding sails at 10 took in topmast studding sail at noon Squally at 4 PM wind S by W steering N E by N set studding sails got up preventer fore topgallent backstay saw Fairbanks so ends
Lat 40.50 S

Wednesday Jan 24 Commenced with strong wind from WSW steering N E by N at 5 AM took in lower studding sail to main at 7 took in topgallent studding sails & main topgallent sail at 9 past 12 PM took in topmast studding sail at 3 PM heavy squall took in topgallent sails jib & main topsail & 2 reefed the fore & main at 4 more moderate set main sail & jib steering N E the last part the wind WSW steering N E by N saw Fairbanks & whale feed so ends
Lat 41.09 S Long 40.30 W

Thursday Jan 25 The first part strong wind from SW steering N E by N under 2 reefed fore & main topsail & preventer at 1 PM more moderate made sail to main topgallent sail at 5 set studding sails the middle part calm imployed in ships duty the last part brisk wind from E by N heading N E by E cloudy weather saw nothing so ends
Lat 39.53 S

Friday Jan 26 This day begining with brisk wind from N by N & pleasant weather steering N E by N the middle part light wind from N by N steering N E imployed in ships duty about the close main & bent the spraker the latter part the wind hauled to N by N heading E by N on the wind all sail set cloudy weather so ends saw nothing
Lat 38.32 S Long 37.48 W

Saturday Jan 27 Commenced with light wind from N by E heading E by N at 12 past 3 PM wind hauled to N E backed to N by N at 10 PM wind hauled to N by N backed ship to N E by E clear weather the watches imployed in ships duty at noon took in flying jib & main topgallent sail at 3 took in the fore & main strong wind from N heading E & E thick weather at 4 set main topgallent sail at 6 PM took it in & single reefed the main topsail some rain at 8 past 8 heavy squall palled all hands & took in sail to under close reefed main & topmast at 11 set preventer so ends
Lat 38.01 S