

Chas Phelps

Bound to Chile
Saturday Sept 11th 1847

Flowing from the S.W. in strong squalls of hail and snow. Standing Southward under single reefed main top sail, double reefed fore and mizen jib and main sail. At 2 double reefed the main top sail. At 3 took in the jib. Dist moderate between 4 and 5. At 4 took in the main sail. Breezing at 5 took in the fore and mizen top sails, close reefed the main and fore top heading to S.W. At 6 moderate breeze ship and set the mizen top sail. At 7 close reefed fore top sail. At 11 set the main sail. Saw a schooner steering Northward. No 45

Sunday Sept 12th

Flowing strong from the S.W. moderate. Set double reefed top sails and jib. At 2 split the jib. Untied it and hoisted a new one. Upbeat the spinnaker and beat a new main spinnaker in the line of it. Middle part very much worn but square. Set whole top sails. At 4 took light land and went to the S.W. More than at 5. At 6 set the land and heading S.W. distant 20 miles. Calm. At 8 a breeze sprung up from the S.W. Set all sail and stood S.W. Breezing on 55.05

Staten Land

Monday Sept 13th

Strong breeze from the N.W. and good weather. Steaming S.W. by Wall Sail. Set Staten Land and Terra del Fuego in sight. Breezing. At 2 took in the fore jib and fore and mizen top gallant sails. At 4 moderate a little land out of sight. At 7 passed a sail steering Eastward. At 8 square. Took in the top 4 sails and reefed the mizen top sail. Breezing on. At 10 double reefed the top sails and took in the jib. At 11 some shift to N.W. Strong squalls. Latter part moderates fast. At 11 all sail 56.56

Tuesday Sept 14th

Breezing up from the S.W. all sail set. Steaming S.W. by W. Saw a large steamer Eastward. Breezing. At 4 fresh breeze. Steaming S.W. by N.W. Middle part moderates down. At 5 the wind shifted to the N.W. in a smart squall. Looked in the fore jib and top gallant sails. Drizzle dirty to a ship. Breezing. At 6 took in the top sail. At 7 took in the jib. Wind turning to the N. At 8 moderates some. Set a single reefed main top sail. Breezing in smart squalls. Set a single reefed fore top sail. At 11 breezing on again. At 12 took in the ship. No under close reefed main and mizen top sails and fore top heading S.W. 57.25

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Wednesday Sept 15th 1847

Flowing a moderate gale from the W and ruggled. At 1 set a close reefed fore top sail. Moderates some and hauls Northward. At 3 set the main sail. At 6 breezes on fast. Began taking in sail. At 9 the ship lying too under a close reefed main top sail and spinnaker heading S.W. At 14 began to moderate. Making sail. At 6 had double reefed top sails and main sail set. At 9 breezing again in heavy squalls of rain hail and snow. At 10 took in sail to a close reefed main top sail. S.S.M.

Thursday Sept 16th

Flowing a heavy gale from the W and very ruggled. The ship lying too under a close reefed main top sail and spinnaker heading S.W. Middle part the weather continued the same. Latter part wind shifted to the S and moderates a little. More ship to the W and set the fore sail 58.12

Friday Sept 17th

Flowing a gale from the S with squalls of hail and snow. Ship lying too under close reefed main top sail fore sail and storm sail heading N. At 3 menhaden squalls took in the fore sail. Very ragged. Cold dirty weather. Middle part the weather the same. Latter part at 6 the wind shifted to N.W. More ship to the S.W. weather remains the same 68

Saturday Sept 18th

Flowing a heavy gale from the W with drizzle dirty weather. A heavy sea on. Ship lying too heading S.W. under a close reefed main top sail and storm sail. No prospect of better weather. Middle part the same. Latter part wind hauld S and moderates some. Set double reefed top sails and main sail and wore ship to the S.W. Breezing on again

Sunday Sept 19th

Breezing on fast. Took in sail to a close reefed main top sail and fore sail heading S.W. At 3 set a close reefed fore top sail. At 3 1/2 pitched away our flying jib boom. Blew up the fore top sail and set it hanging moderate some but a very heavy sea running. Snow storm. At 5 set the close reefed fore top sail. Clear up. Moderate. At 6 set close reefed mizen top sail and main sail. Very moderate and bearing to the W. At 8 wore ship. At 4 took in the main top sail. At 8 set the single reefed top sails and main top sail. Saw a ship steering S.W. At 11 breezing on again and abuzz rain. At 12 took in the main top gallant sail. Stopped 57.35

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