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Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Billings Birch

day from Tuesday Jan^y 7th
Moon

99

Commenced with a strong breeze from W.S.W. under double reef topsails heading S. at 6 P.M. exchanged signals with a whale ship. Showing a signal with white ground & red square in the center & one white letter in the square. Bound to the W. at 9 P.M. passed another whale ship. Bound to the W. Strong breezes from W.S.W. all these 24 hours. A.M. saw 4 vessels all bound W. & saw one bound E.

Salt by Obs. 56.57
not corrected Long by Chron. 64.26

Wednesday Jan^y 8th

100

Commenced with a moderate gale from W.S.W. heading S. under whole topsails. at 12 P.M. under double reef topsails at 3 took in gills. 4 ships & one Brig in sight. all bound W. one of them is the Roman of New Bedford read her name. at 9 P.M. passed to windward of her. later part of P.M. did not calm. A.M. took a breeze from S.E. breeze continues good all A.M. at 1/2 past 11 spoke ship's Roman of New Bedford & American of Nantucket. the three captain's guns on Board of the Roman

Salt by Obs. 57.23
corrected = Long by Chron. 63.57

Thursday Jan^y 9th

101

Commenced with a good breeze from S.E. steering W.S.W. captain Birch on Board of ship Roman. 4 ships & one Brig in sight. all bound W. at 4 P.M. captain came on board. later part of P.M. calm. fore part of A.M. calm. later part of A.M. took a breeze from S.W. heading W.S.W. & S.W. by W. at 11 A.M. wind from W.S.W. wore ship head S.S.W. & 15 vessels in sight all bound W. saw one ship bound E.

Salt by Obs. 57.15
Long by Chron. 65.15

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day from Friday Jan^y 10th
Moon

Eleven sails in sight -
3 Ships
3 Hermaphrodites
4 full rigged
1 Bark
all bound W.

Commenced with a strong breeze from W.S.W. heading S.S.W. at 1 P.M. some rain. at 3 P.M. strong breeze from W. at 4 P.M. at 5 P.M. blowing fresh from S.W. steering W.S.W. by compass. topsails topgallant sails & double reefed topsails. some rain & fog. at 9 P.M. moderated. took one reef from the topsails. at the same time exchanged signals with an English Merchant Bark. fog at this time later part of P.M. blowing strong took in gills & main sail of fore part of A.M. took in fore & main topsail. at close reefed main topsail at 5 A.M. took in weather clew of fore sail. 11 vessels in sight. all to leeward. wind from W.S.W. heading S.

Salt by Obs. 57.44
Long by Chron. 66.59

Saturday Jan^y 11th

Commenced with a strong gale from W.S.W. heading S. under close reef main topsail & lee clew of fore sail. at 2 P.M. spoke down took. moderating at 4 turned one reef from main topsails. at 5 P.M. set close reef fore topsails. at 8 P.M. heaving on again. close reefed main topsails. at 9 P.M. took in fore sail continues blowing in heavy signals all P.M. & fore part of A.M. under close reef fore & main topsails. later part of A.M. moderated set double reef topsails fore sail & main sail. at 5 A.M. wore ship heading W.S.W.

Salt by Obs. 58.00
Long by Chron. 66.15