

Journal of a voyage in ship City

Friday Nov 4th 1853

First part light breeze from N.W. and cloudy. Middle part squally with a gale from W. Lat. 60.34 S. Lon. 78.29 W.

Saturday Nov 5th

Gale continues from W. with heavy squalls. At 10 o'clock M. topsail and handkerchief sail. At 1 P.M. began to moderate, made all sail. Ends with strong breeze from N.W. W. ship at 4 P.M. Lat. 61.13 S. Lon. 77.11 W.

Sunday Nov 6th

First part fresh breeze from N.W. and cloudy. Middle calm. Latter part fresh breeze from S.W. Saw, and lowered for sperm whales without success. Course N.W. by N. Lat. 59.16 S. Lon. 77.10 W.

Monday Nov 7th

Commenced with strong breeze from S.W. and fair weather. Made good moderate and hauls to W. N.W., latter part wind to S.W. Course N.W. by N. and N. N.W. Lat. 57.16 S. Lon. 77.15 W.

Tuesday Nov 8th

Fresh breeze from S.W. by W. with some squalls. Saw a ship steering to N.W. Sounded shot the first part. At 7 A.M. hauled to N.E. Shortened sail at sunset. Lat. 54.10 S. Lon. 76.55 W.

Wednesday Nov 9th

Fresh breeze from S.W. by W. hazy. At 8 A.M. made the island of Guayaquilinga N.E. by E. dist. 23 miles. Latter part very rough. Off Guayaquilinga

of New Bedford. South Pacific Ocean

Thursday Nov 10th

Strong S.W. winds and thick squally weather. At 12 M. kept away for the coast of Peru. Course N.W. by W. Lat. 42.31 S. Lon. 75.44 W.

Friday Nov 11th

Fresh breeze from S.W. and S. S.W. with some fog squalls. Carried away head of topsail mast. Course N.W. by S. Lat. 39.17 S. Lon. 76.26 W.

Saturday Nov 12th

Light breeze from S.W. and fine weather. Sent down fore top gallant yard and mast. Saw blackfish. Course N.W. by S. Lat. 37.09 S. Lon. 77.22 W.

Sunday Nov 13th

Fine S.W. winds and hazy. Course N.W. by S. Lat. 35.05 S. Lon. 78.50 W.

Monday Nov 14th

Fine breeze from S. and cloudy. At 11 P.M. made Juan Fernandez bearing N.W. dist. 60 miles. At daylight hauled in under the lee of it and sent down fore topsail mast, and got new one up. At sunset let foresail and fore topsail and kept away N. by W. W. with breeze from S. S.E. Saw a bark off and on, a brig at anchor.

Tuesday Nov 15th

Breeze from S. S.E. and pleasant weather. Saw a sail steering to E. Course N. by W. W. No observation