

Remarks on Board Birk Clara Bell

Saturday Dec 18th 1858

Came with strong Breezes from N.W. to N.E. W. Bark and the Port Jack heading from N.W. to N.E. wind close to sails three ships in sight. Middle part rather more moderate made some sail. Weather part equally and we have been beating the ships rather bad.

Lat 46° 57' N
Long 66° 22' W

Sunday Dec 19th

Came with strong winds and squalls and snow. Jacked Oarsmen to get to bottom wind from N.W. to N.E. blowing heavy taking in and making sail as desired required middle part blowing a strong Gale from N.W. to N.E. some part made several ships in sight saw Captain Baring N.W. by Compa's water & bay.

Lat 46° 56' N
Long 67° 10' W

Monday Dec 20th

Came with light Breezes from N.W. at 6 PM made all sail Jacked to Westward middle part weather fine and nearly calm. Weather from N.W. to N.E. blowing heavy at 7 PM doubled up the topsails at 10 PM took in jib & top-sails & main-sail ship heading N.W. to N.E. weather calm one ship in sight.

Lat 46° 56' N
Long 67° 51' W

Tuesday Dec 21st

Came with strong Gales from Southern Bark heading N.W. to N.E. took in the fore-top-sail Bark lying to under close reefed main-top-sail & fore and fore-sails at dead low much ice went a few days fast wind to get along middle part blowing heavy back from Westward Bark heading N.W. to N.E. at 6 PM made some sail at 11 PM made off N.W. to N.E. and at 1 PM to South weather equally but not so bad.

Lat 46° 57' N
Long 68° 16' W

Bound to the Pacific Ocean and in instant danger

Wednesday Dec 22nd 1858

Came with strong Gales from Westward Bark and the Southern Bark and very much in want of a fair wind. Middle part blowing heavy strong took in fore-top-sail & fore-sail heading from N.W. to N.E. latter part made some sail middle blowing a strong Gale from N.W. to N.E. with Hail & Snow saw a ship steering to Eastward.

Lat 46° 57' N
Long 68° 15' W

Thursday Dec 23rd

Came with strong Gales from N.W. to N.E. Bark heading from N.W. to N.E. sometimes lying to some times under some sail weather very bad but we hope to have better soon. Middle part nearly calm latter part blowing a Gale from the Southern Bark heading N.W. to N.E. under close reefed topsails.

Lat 46° 57' N
Long 68° 42' W

Friday Dec 24th

Came with strong Gales from Southern Bark heading from N.W. to N.E. Bark and ship in sight. At 3 PM wind shifted to the Eastward and I feel very thankful hope and pray it may last for 24 hours or more. Middle part weather the same saw three ships. Weather part weather more pleasant wind steadily Bark heading from N.W. to N.E. with all Pursuant sail set standing along with Bark J. Thompson.

Lat 46° 56' N
Long 68° 31' W

Saturday Dec 25th

Came with strong Breezes from N.W. to N.E. Bark heading from N.W. to N.E. at 1 PM Jacked to Southward by N.W. to N.E. at midnight wind from Southward strong N.W. latter part wind from Westward blowing a Gale Bark under close reefed and set Pursuant to copy of Christmas Card and that may be covering this day again with a fairing of wind. The Christmas Card.

Lat 46° 56' N
Long 68° 42' W