

On board ship

3rd day of November 1851 Columbus
 all this day strong winds from S^W
 boreal S & by S under all sail at 12
 we set fore top mast standing sail
 employed at ship's chaty and coiling
 Sines saw several sails steering to the
 S^W & under double reefed to sails
 Sunday first part strong winds from S^W
 2nd part light winds from the South
 and boreal S & by S under all sail
 the mast heads
 Monday all these 24 hours blowing a gale from the
 S^W Westward
 Tuesday blowing heavy from S^W Said the ship
 by the wind for 5 hours
 Wednesday this day we have had a little of all kinds
 of calm's gales wherwinds and rain we have
 had but one fair day since we left
 home and that was last Sabbath we have
 had nothing but gales of wind since we
 started rather a hard introduction for
 the crew beginners yet they have stood it
 well I have never known green hands do
 so well before the Stewart so on the
 sick list one of the boatolaters has
 hurt himself by falling from a loft
 the crew are all in order
 Saw a finback the first of the whale
 kind we have seen and all we want
 to do this weather our boats have been
 turned up for the last 8 days
 and are likely to be for the next 3
 to come we are in want of water and
 provisions but the weather is so rough
 to start the patches the most of our
 rigging wants to be put in order but
 the weather will not permit
 but with all the bad we have some good
 we are making a queer passage
 which is the main object
 I hope we may reach the line in one
 month from the day we sailed which
 is called a good passage with an old fashion
 ship and we seldom hear of these fine
 clippers doing better 40 days is the
 average of ships from the British States
 to the Equator and ship has been
 50 days going to the western Islands

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Thursday all this day light winds from the S^W imblay
 at breaking out for provisions and water
 and lumber saw a sail to the westward
 Friday all this day strong winds from the South
 steering by the wind employed at
 clearing the deck of spars & spars bent
 a new fore top mast standing sail and set
 up the Gibba gages
 Thus far everything goes on in as good
 order as we could wish all hands seem
 to be satisfied the foremast hands has
 the reason to complain I have never
 seen a crew used so well before they
 get so endorsing for a small offences
 which is the custom on board of most
 the whale ships and they are the most
 willing set of men I ever saw if
 they stay in the ship in 12 months
 we shall have as good a crew as ever
 went a round cape horn in a whale ship
 We have a good crew and a good ship
 and I think a fair prospect of
 making a voyage and I hope a good
 one 30 months and I will find no
 fault and I hope to return in that
 time but gods will be done what
 Saturday all this day strong winds from S^W
 by the wind to the Eastward imblay
 at 11th the boat saw a large
 Bark steering to the westward
 Sunday all this day light winds with rain
 Saw nothing of the whale kind at dark we had a
 visit from a land bird how he could get
 here is more than we can tell
 2 weeks this night since I bid fairwell to
 some of my acquaintances at New Bedford
 and if I ever knew pain it was that night
 when the last fairwell word was spoken
 But how soon forgotten at the present time
 they are all made to me than the greatest
 strangers on earth Perhaps I might
 say with the exceptions of one
 or two to the thoughts of old
 acquaintances