

On Board Ship Columbus

20 November 1851

18 Commenced with strong gales from SSW with heavy squalls of rain steering by the wind tacking S.W. by S under double reefed topsails and fore sail saw a sail off our lee beam steering by the wind on the larboard tack middle part blowed verry heavy cloud up the fore topsail we had a great deal of lightning the wind backed to the westward we were ship at 5 am furled the fore sail and close reefed the main topsail latter part more moderate set the courses stand doubled reefed topsails steering by the wind heading S.E.

Latt 33:04 Long 33:

21 Monday

19 Commenced with strong winds from S.W. at 4 am made all sail steering by the wind heading S.E. by S middle part light winds and pleasant weather latter part light winds from the southward tacked to the westward employed at preparing out for provisions saw a whale ship to the seaward supposed it to be the citizen of New Bedford she sailed from here the same day our ship

Latt 32:40 Long 32:20

22 Tuesday

20 Commenced with strong winds from South steering by the wind heading S.W. under all sail employed at heaving out the main hatch for water the prospect at the present bids fair for a dismod sight we have just taken in our sight sails to be ready for the evening tempest the clouds being heavy around the horizon and are lit up with a constant and pluse of lightning but let it come as it may I hope we shall be able to meet it like men middle part strong squalls from South tacked to the eastward was toward latter part light winds from S.W. this ends the day that commences with so disagreeable prospect the latter part was the most pleasant of any day we have had since we left home

Latt 32:40 Long 30:35

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Friday Commenced calm and pleasant employed at getting the vegetables on deck to dry cold stowing away the rigging commenced heading the larboard water 30 Sal the bow boat on the chains 30 ends the first part middle part calm and clear latter part the same employed at ships duty

24 Saturday

22 Commenced calm saw a sail to the eastward employed at common ships duty middle part light winds from the southward steering by the wind to the S.W. latter part light winds from S.W. steering by the wind to off S.W. under all sail saw 3 sails bound to the southward saw finbacks employed at ships duty

Latt 31:30 Long 30:34

25 Sunday

23 Commenced with fine winds from S steering by the wind heading S.W. under all sail 5 sails in sight all steering by the wind on different tacks offe had complaint of throat in the fore castle the first complaint of the kind I ever heard on board of ships that I belonged to middle part blowing strong from S doubled reefed the topsails and furled the gibbe latter part light winds from all points of the compass head S by off S.W. under all sail saw 3 sails to the S.W.

No observations

26 Monday

24 Commenced calm with showers of rain saw the same sails we the day before we think ship has commenced leaking as we pumped 2 hours to get the water out of her boatswains deck in the larboard water 4 mjn off duty 2 foremost hands and 2 boatswains middle part light winds from the westward steering S by W under all sail latter part light wind from S.W. steering by the wind heading S.E. saw several sails presumed

Latt 31:00 Long 30:30