

On Board Ship Columbus

27 November 1857
 Commenced with light wind from SW steering by the wind to the SE under all sail I employed at ships duty saw some kind of a whale think he was a grampus so ends the first part
 Middle part strong breeze from SW steering by the wind to the SE under all sail latter part light winds from all points of the compass with squalls of rain saw grampuses and several sails & exchanged signals with a french ship

28 November 1857
 Commenced with strong winds from South steering by the wind to the westward employed at putting a boat over the stern middle part heavy squalls of rain accompanied with sharp lightning and heavy thunder I think it was the darkest night I ever saw we had light air from all points of the compass latter part light winds from the Southward with squalls of rain employed at breaking out for water and lumber
 Lat 28° 30' Long 29° 30'

29 November 1857
 First 2 hours strong winds from SSE steering by the wind to the westward at 4 o'clock the wind hauled off blowing fresh course SE under all sail set the fore topmast standing sail and main royal this is the first free wind we have had for the last 13 days saw a sail to the Eastward steering to the south saw a finback employed at ships duty middle part light winds from the Southward with squalls of rain later part fine weather with light winds saw several finbacks and 2 sails steering SW employed at setting up the head stays the boatwain that was sick makes no improvements all hands on duty but him
 Lat 24° 24' Long 29° 25'

30 November 1857
 Commenced with light winds and fine weather saw 9 sails and had a shout up for him come around the ship the Captain struck one but lost him employed at setting the head stays middle part strong winds from the westward course SE by SE under all sail had some squalls of rain

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November 1857
 Later part fine breeze and pleasant weather saw several sails and finbacks employed at setting up the fore rigging set the lower standing sail for the first time since we left home to Engls
 Lat 25° 22' Long 28° 20'

31 November 1857
 Commenced with fine breeze from the westward course SE by SE under all sail at sundown saw a brig to the SE steering SE employed at setting up the main topmast stay and putting on chafing gear on the fore rigging put a new carpet on the cabin deck weather very warm and a fair prospect of having it warmer we have strong winds from the westward where we expect to have the SE & trades or prevail it's windy winds we are now 1 month from home one thirtieth of the time we expect to be gone from home but with the winds we have had it will take us most of the time to make the passage to the arctic and back the captain gave me cloth for a boat sail so ends the first part
 Middle part strong breeze from SW with squalls of rain fueled the main royal latter part finer weather and pleasant breeze from the Westward employed at breaking out for provisions
 Lat 23° 18' Long 28° 50'

32 November 1857
 Commenced with fine breeze from SW course SE by SE under all sail employed at common ships duty saw 2 sails steering by the wind to the Southward middle part light air from SW course SE by SE under all sail latter part the same saw 9 grampuses and a brig steering by the wind to the Southward
 Lat 23° 18' Long 28° 40'
 The weather has been very warm for the past 3 days we have good weather now in breaking for the bay we have had the first of our passage so ends this month we have had many blessings and I hope are thankful for them