

On board ship Columbus

December 1851

Employed at various kinds of work
sent in the 4th boom a ways to
copper it while it chafed in the cup
and bolted on the breast hook a fresh
one started it off in a gale to the
northward of the line put on a new
coasting a round the pumps

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off
the
ship
at
11
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commenced with strong winds from
south steering S W & W under all
sail sent out the 4th boom and set
up the rigging saw 2 sails sticking
by the wind heading to S & the
weather is very thick and foggy
there is but little use of having
men at the mast heads for we
cannot see a mile in the direction
so commences the first part of
the last day in December in the
year of our Lord 1851 Middle
part strong winds from south and
a thick fog had the bucket to the
weather main brace block part
repaired it with out any damage
but it is a great wonder to me
why it did not carry a way
the main yard

55° 56'	65° 56'
34° 50'	44° 40'
21° 06'	21° 16'
60	60
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Course 45:14

Distance 1498

I do not think it is correct but my
Latitude is not correct is 40 miles to
north Saturday part the hauld to the S W
steering by the wind to the S S E under top
gallant sails saw for pines took the
aboard anchor off the bow and put it
on deck hoisted out the laboured
pump to stop a leak found it some
better strong breeze and fog

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The mast heads were not mended and
saw we must bid adieu to the old year
and welcome in the new In the past year
I have been 4 months on shore on eight
at sea and I have had some pleasant
days and a good share of miserable ones
what the coming year has in store
for me is more than I can imagine but
I expect many days of hard labor
and if I have my health I
shall not be disappointed and I
hope when 1852 comes to a close
we shall have 2000 barrels of
oil on board the old Columbus
I should like to have her full but
think it would be asking too much
but day will come that we will
know what our success will be good
or bad we should take it as old
Job did his ups and downs we must
give that old gentleman credit for hav-
ing more patience than man ever
had before or since

According to the scriptures Job was
a faithful servant of the Lord the
Lord had watched for many a day
and was satisfied that Job was a
faithful servant But the serpent
that beguiled our first parents was
taken a stroll through the earth
perhaps for his own diversion or
the might of been on some business
of importance for there was much
for him to do in those days he
happened to pause under a shade tree to
view the beauties of nature when his
eyes wandered over the great possessions
of faithful Job and he swore by the
power that the Lord had given him that
Job should become his servant or be
the most miserable wretch on earth
as he strolled along he happened in the pre-
sence of the Lord Who was thinking why
all mankind could not be as Job when he
raised his eye the devil was before him and
the Lord said has thou noticed my servant
Job and how said you Job but he has all