

Ship Courier from New Bedford towards the Pacific

Sunday Sept. 9th 1838

Commences with strong breeze from South with cloudy weather steering S by E. Middle part wind from the NNE halted in the fore part middle part wind and weather much the same so ends Lat by Obs. 37° 59' South Long 2° 16' East by Obs.

Monday Sept. 10th 1838 Commences

with a strong breeze from the NNE with thick cloudy weather steering S. E. a Bark in sight at 6. At 10 put one reef in the top sail at 2 had a squall put another reef in the top sail half past 8 the wind freshened in to the NNE with a shower of rain remainder of the night strong breeze turned the reef out with the main sail latter part strong breeze with fair weather steering S. E. with all drawing sail set to the best advantage so ends Lat by Obs. 38° 55' Long by Obs. 5° 51' East.

Tuesday Sept. 11th 1838 Commences

with strong breeze from the NNE with fair weather steering S. E. with all drawing sail set to the best advantage middle part more moderate shifted the standing sails over on the larboard side latter part a very light air a ship in sight the barometer prognosticates a gale of wind so ends

Lat by Obs. 38° 11' Long by Obs. 9° 00' East.

Wednesday Sept. 12th 1838 Commences

with light air from the NNE with fair weather steering S. E. with all drawing sail set middle part wind increasing at 10 took the ship Royal George at 3. At 10 took in the standing sails & 8 sails at 2 put 2 reefs in the top sails at 10 took in the fore & main top sails at 11 closed reefed the main so ends with strong gale from NNE with thick raining weather No Observations

Thursday Sept. 13th 1838 Commences

with heavy gale steering S. E. at 4 P.M. got the starboard boat stove took in the fore sail and have the ship too middle and latter parts heavy gale from NNE to NE so ends here 24 hours

Lat by Obs. 38° 15' South.

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Friday Sept. 14th 1838

Commences with heavy gale from the N at 4 P.M. it moderated down so we kept off a course S. E. with the fore sail & double reef top sail middle part equally latter part more moderate wind from SW made all sail took in the starboard boat to repair so ends Lat by Obs. 37° 57' Long by Obs. 15° 15' East

Saturday Sept. 15th 1838

Commences with light air from the SW with pleasant weather steering S. E. middle part wind from South to SW latter part much the same employed repairing the starboard boat so ends.

Lat by Obs. 37° 44' South.

Sunday Sept. 16th 1838 Commences

with light air from the S. E. with cloudy weather steering by the wind with the starboard and jacks aboard middle & latter part light baffling air from S. E. to E. S. E. with showers of rain so ends No Observations.

Monday Sept. 17th 1838

Commences with light air and calm with showers of rain at 5 P.M. took a breeze from the SW kept the ship S. E. middle part fresh gale and squally weather put 2 reefs in the top sail took in the main sail & jacks & spanker at 2 P.M. with the main sail & jacks latter part strong breeze from NNE inclining to halt to the Westward in place making sail saw a ship steering to the S. E. so ends Lat by Obs. 37° 19' Long by Obs. 20° 18' East.

Tuesday Sept. 18th 1838 Commences

with strong breeze from the Westward with fair weather all drawing sail set to the best advantage steering S. E. by compass middle part strong breeze and squally from NNE halted in the standing sails at daylight with them again at 9 the wind halted to NNE by 8 shifted the standing sails over so ends 2 ships in sight Lat by Obs. 38° 18' Long by Obs. 28° 25' East.