

103 Ship Courier Whilst Whaling on the Coast of Japan

Sunday Oct. 6th 1839 Commences with moderate gales from North to N.N.W. at 5 P.M. took in the fore and Mizzen Top Sails close reefed the Main, middle part, brigs gales with thick rainy weather at 8 A.M. wore Ship kept off P.E. before the well wind at South latter part brigs gales with cloudy weather employed boiling & cutting Junk so ends these 24 hours
Lat by Obs. 31.45 N Long by Chrt. 175.45

Monday Oct. 7th 1839 Commences with brigs gales from the North with cloudy weather steering S by E to keep before the well at 5 P.M. spoke the Ship Lancaster of New Bedford, finished boiling about the same time middle part wind and weather much as the first heading up East by the wind latter part much the same employed towing down Lancaster in sight so ends. Lat by Obs. 31.38 North.

Tuesday Oct. 8th 1839 First part of these 24 hours brigs gales from the N.N.E. with cloudy weather steering by the wind to the Eastward with close reefed Main & Mizzen Top Sails & Fore Sail set at 6 P.M. finished stowing the Crib middle part more moderate latter part the same employed washing Ship & repairing a boat close reef Top Sails & Fore Sail set so ends these 24 hours Lat by Obs. 31.11 North.

Wednesday Oct. 9th 1839 First part of these 24 hours brigs winds from the North with cloudy weather steering East with double reef Top Sails & Fore Sail at 6 P.M. took in the Fore & Mizzen Top Sails middle part moderate breezes at 5 A.M. wore Ship to the Westward set the Top Sails with 2 reefs in them at 7 kept off P.M. at 9 A.M. put the Hunt boat out on the cranes at 10 turned the reefs out set the M.S. Sail. latter part light airs from the North with cloudy weather saw Porpoises employed repairing the stoven Boat so ends these 24 hours.
Lat by Obs. 31.07 North Long by Chrt. 176.20 East.

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Thursday Oct. 10th 1839 First part of these 24 hours light airs from the North with cloudy weather steering S.W. at 6 P.M. luffed to the wind and shortened Sail for the night middle part light airs & calms at day light took a breeze from the S.W. latter part moderate breezes from the S.W. with fair weather steering by the wind with the starboard tacks aboard employed repairing a boat & repairing Cask at 12 tacked to the Westward so ends these 24 hours.
Lat by Obs. 30.30 Long by Chrt. 175.57

Friday Oct. 11th 1839 Commences with moderate breezes from the S.W. with pleasant weather steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard saw a great many Porpoises at 6 P.M. took in the Fore & Mizzen Top Sails Main Sail & Libby Spanker put 2 reefs in the Main Top Sail middle part moderate breezes with sun rain at 5 A.M. the wind halled to the North stood to the Eastward at 7 A.M. wore Ship to the Westward at 9 bent the Fore Spencer at 10 set the Top Sails with 2 reefs in them the weather began to clear up at 11 set the Jib at 12 wore Ship set the Spanker so ends. employed repairing Cask. Lat by Obs. 30.38 Long by Chrt. 175.20 East.

Saturday Oct. 12th 1839 Commences with brigs gales from the N.W. with cloudy weather standing to the Eastward with double reef Top Sails Libby Spanker set at 6 P.M. took in the Fore Sails Mizzen Top Sails Libby Spanker close reefed the Top Sails while we were taking in Sail saw a large Whale close to the Ship bound to the N.W. hove away one boat as quick as we could but could not get to him before he went down called the boat on board took her up, stood to the Eastward until 11 then wore Ship to the N.W. at 5 A.M. set the Fore Sails & Mizzen Top Sails latter part moderate gales with cloudy weather wind N.E. so ends employed repairing Cask.
Lat by Obs. 30.38 Long by Chrt. 175.19 East.

Sunday Oct. 13th 1839 Commences with brigs gales from the Eastward with fair weather steering by the wind to the P.E. at 6 P.M. shortened Sail wore Ship to the N.W. middle part wind N.E. standing to the North with 3 close reef Top Sails & Spanker set at 5 A.M. set the Fore & Libby turned one reef out of the Main Top Sail latter part wind weather much as the first so ends. Lat by Obs. 30.36 North.