

# Journal of October 1840

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> To day fine weather with light N.E. winds. Steered N.N.W. Middle & Gutter the same. So ended. One man off duty sick. Lat 27.15 Long 67.00

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> To day fine with E.N.E. wind steering N.N.W. employed in picking anchors. One man off duty sick. Lat 29.02 of North latitude. Lat 29.22' N Long 68.05' W

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> To day fine steering N.N.W. wind E.N.E. Middle & Gutter very moderate. The man that was sick turned to duty. So ended. Lat 30.40 N Long 69.00' W

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> To day weather fine with a little squall of rain. Middle & Gutter calm. Employed in painting anchors. So ended. Lat 30.55 N Long 68.36'

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> To day fine with very light wind from the South steering N.N.W. Middle fine. At 8 o'clock A.M. revised a school of sperm whales going to the N.W. lowered the Gun. Quarter boats taking all the ballast water & third water. Starboard boat struck. So ended. wind increased. At 12 came along side with the Whale. Lat 32.09' N Long 68.25' W

## Homeward Bound.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> To day open with increasing breeze from S.W. employed in cutting the Whale. At four P.M. all cut in kept her off at 1/2 of furl the main sail. Middle wind blowing quite hard employed in mending Gutter. Squally cut up the head & so ended. Lat 34.53' N Long 70.46 West

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> To day moderate Gale with frequent squalls of rain & a heavy sea wind South steering N.N.W. At four P.M. lashed down the Watcher & unhoisted the jib & main try sail. every thing secure & the Watcher barred & lashed. At seven P.M. wind suddenly ceased the blow leaving a tremendous heavy & high sea returning which caused the vessel to roll and tumble around badly. At the jib main the bonnet. At eight P.M. had a heavy squall or heavy calm strike us without giving any warning it came from the E.N.E. carrying away jib & foresail & knocking the vessel down under. Called all hands & hoisted the main sail partly up. She having gone around at the same time the starboard & stern boat was washed away. At the same time filling the deck vessel laboring very hard tried the pumps found her to be taking very bad. At nine P.M. the Starboard boat & the waist also went also the Gallery washing the stove to pieces. At twelve midnight hoisted the try sail clear up minding the bonnet.

At 12 noon the Captain put the second mate off duty for