

Trauco of New Bedford

Tuesday Dec 30th 1844

Begins with light breezes from the S²E and cloudy at 2 PM the boats came on board and steered N by W at 4 PM saw Mount Goddard bearing S by E 15 miles at 7 PM went S Shift to the S O deer - we must go into port to land a sick man latter part run in at 10 AM anchored in Princes Royal Harbour in 34 fathoms S O Deer

Wednesday Dec 11th 1844

Begins with a gale from the W with hail at 5 AM took our anchor and run out with a fresh breeze from the SW at 6 discharged the pilot discharged John Nasprit Sick latter steering anchors & steering S²E

Thursday Dec 12th 1844

Begins with fresh breezes from the WSW and clear steering S²E at 4 PM lost sight of the land on saw a school of sperm whales going to SW quick lowered the boats but nothing more of them took in sail & lay by for the night O Lord grant us success this cruise May it ever trust in thee latter steered E Lat 35 20 Long 120 00

Friday Dec 13th 1844

Begins with gentle breezes from the SSW and clear steering E saw nothing mid part the same latter part fresh breezes from the ENE heading N Lat 35 08 Long 120 30

Saturday Dec 14th 1844

Begins with fresh breezes from the ENE and clear heading S²E saw nothing mid and latter part the same heading S²E Lat 35 08 Long 121 50

Sunday Dec 15th 1844

Begins with fresh gales from the NE and clear heading S²E mid and latter part blowing a hard gale and a bad sea

Lat 36 55 Long 122 09

in the Australian Bight

Monday Dec 16th 1844

Begins with a hard gale from the NE and hazy heading S²E at 5 PM began to moderate bar 29 to 30 mid and latter part light wind wind W steered S²E saw kite Whales & fin backs Lat 37 02 Long 122 50

Tuesday Dec 17th 1844

Begins with gentle breezes from the W and cloudy steering S²E bar rising at 7 PM 29 to 30 saw fair sails & one come whales came O Lord grant us some oil may we ever trust in thee and be thankful for all thy blessings mid and latter part light breeze from the S²E mid all sail Lat 38 06 Long 124 00

Wednesday Dec 18th 1844

Begins with light breezes from the S²E and cloudy heading S²E saw fin backs & squid one year - this day since we left home how many dangers we have been kept through and what ungrateful beings we are O Lord forgive our past sins and may we serve thee better the next year mid part heavy thunder & sharp lightning W NE Lat 35 15 Long 124 00

Thursday Dec 19th 1844

Begins with gentle breezes from the WNE and cloudy heading E at 2 PM our Car-penter fell from the Main Top gallant Cross-trees over-board a distance of 90 feet he came up we have him a rope he caught it and hauled him in truly thy ways O God are mysterious this is the second man that has fell from aloft the other fell 70 feet at 6 the wind howled to the WSW headed N W come whale large mid part lay by latter wind S²E N to NW saw an abundance of squid but no whales Lat 35 10 Long 124 36