

Journal of a Whaling voyage in the Briggs Hopston

Friday October 16th

first of these 24 hours blowing fresh from the E and SE at 1 P.M. the Capt and boats crew went ashore for vegetables at 6 came on board one man deserted Peter Carley. Seaman, at 3 A.M. Wind hauled to the NWward. at 6 got underway. steering E. Wind light. all sail set.

Saturday October 17th

first of these 24 hours light breezes and pleasant from the W.N.W. all sail set at 3 P.M. were abreast of Fire Island 5 miles distant Steered E by N at 7 were 12 miles to the Eastward of the light, at 11 were abreast Chincock light at 6 A.M. were abreast Montauk Point light Wind NE heading W of S E.S.E. at 12 were 20 miles W.N.W. from Block Island.

Sunday October 18th

light breezes and pleasant from NE wind heading to the SE. all sail set at 1 P.M. took ship, heading N.W. at 3 P.M. wind hauled to SE steering NE by E Wind light at 4 raised the Land on the Vineyard heading NE and E by E, at Sundown Block Island in sight at 6 raised Gay Head light at 7 took a Pilot. at 12 were in quicks hole and at 3 o'clock dropped anchor in Lippican Harbor.

Benjamin B. Handy Master October 1862