

Thursday Sept 6th

Strong breeze & fair weather. Ship heading S.E. by S. and hauling along Y. Whets. About 10 saw a ship with tacking sails out, steering West, probably bound to New Orleans or West Indies. Crew employed on the rigging. I have been in several vessels, but I must confess I never saw quite so many better jobs as we have on board of us. Towards noon raised another sail on our weather beam so far off we could not tell what she was. Towards night the wind freshened and breezed so that we took in 7 1/2 m. V.L. Sails. about 9 took in m. 7 1/4. Sail and 7 1/2 fath.

Lat 22.19 N Long 39.19 W

Friday Sept 7th

Light winds and pleasant weather. Nothing remarkable happened today, that I can remember of. I have been thinking considerable of home but can't exactly call it homesickness. One of the passengers a young gentleman continues sick. Poor fellow I fear we shall never see the Golden Regions. If he does Cape Horn he will do better than I think. However time will prove all things & this among others. All the while we have gone since we came out we should any of us seek California for one year to come. Your friends wish any to windward

Lat 20.46 N Long 38.04 W

Saturday Sept 8th

Strong Breeze and fair weather wind ahead as usual. Ship heading E.S.E. by S. E. Kept on that tack till about 2 P.M. then tacked ship nothing strange today. V.L. Sails are furled and down. Any thing said about ever looking them again. Our Carpenter has laid a keel for a boat, but I am not of a sanguine temperament enough to ever expect to see her finished. No knowing what may happen though

Lat 21.34 N Long 37.24 W

Sunday Sept 9th

Strong winds and pleasant weather nothing remarkable happened this day that I remember. Saw a Brig which passed close to us to leeward & exchanged Longitude with us. Towards night saw a ship to windward of us steering S.W. our ship heading S by E & S.E. by E.

Lat 20.54 N Long 36.54 W

Monday Sept 10.

Strong winds & fair weather. Ship heading S.E. by S. by the watch with V.L. Sails clewed up. Considerable sea on and ship going not more than 5 knots. Set up the keel of a boat, with turn of turn Post. It is a Veneza sail boat. One of the passengers still sea sick.

Lat 19.11 N Long 36.02 W

Tuesday Sept 11.

Strong winds & good weather, weather warmer than usual. Ship heading S.E. by S. & S.E. by S. Towards noon the ship came up to her course S.E. Towards night took in V.L. Sails & kept them off all night. I expect they are afraid of getting there too soon.

Lat 17.50 N Long 35.13 W

Wednesday Sept 12

Strong winds & pleasant weather. Set V.L. Sails. nothing occurred worth recording. Ship heading S.E. and going about 6 knots. Crew employed in fitting horns on the top galley crossbeams for the back stays to pass through, to strengthen the mast so we can carry more sail on the ship. God knows she needs it bad enough. Towards night we had less wind.

Lat 16.42 N Long 34.09 W

Thursday Sept 13.

Strong winds & fair weather. nothing remarkable happened today. go along muddling well, and if God favours us we stand a chance to get there in the course of next year but we may not. If our prospect do not increase I shall begin to think I'm a figure in our going across the land.

Lat 15.23 N Long 32.58 W