

Wednesday Oct 3rd

Fine weather and fair winds, turned out this morning after hearing considerable noise on deck and found out that the Mizzen Mast had carried away below the lower trestle beam. They turned to after breakfast, sent down yards came up with upper rigging sent down masts and came up with lower rigging. in short stripped the mizzen mast to a girth line, we then rigged a purchase sent them hooked on to the top of the lower mast when lo and behold about eight feet parted and was lowered down on deck when we found it was a complete mass of rot. and the only thing we are left to wonder at is that the Mast stood through so many heavy blows, without giving trouble before this. The good ship Abig Coffin is now a brig. I expect the Main Mast will soon follow, however the ship makes as much headway as before so we cant find any fault with her
Lat 7°36' Long 32°09'W

Thursday Oct 4th

Fair weather and fine winds, the watch employed in fitting the stump of the mast for a new head nothing remarkable happened this day that I can think of. The wind hauled aft and I expect we shall soon be going off by it.
Lat 10°36' Long 33°08'W

Friday Oct 5

Fine weather & fair winds. The wind has hauled aft and we go tacking along at the rate of 7 knots. The head of the mast is fast progressing towards perfection and will soon be better than the old one.
Lat 12°50' Long 34°08'W

Saturday Oct 6

Fine weather & fair winds, ship before the wind. The head was this day hoisted up and the bolts we arrived in so we shall soon have a third mast & our brig.
Lat 15°07' Long 34°50'W

Sunday Oct 7

Thick, hazy, weather and light winds ship going slow and save before the wind. by the appearance of things now should judge that the tracks will not last us much longer. at any rate we will make the most of them while they do. turned to today
Lat 16°58' Long 35°24'W

Monday Oct 8th

Light winds & fair weather. what little wind there is, is nearly aft but there is hardly enough to make any account of. Think we shall have the wind from the westward in long but hope we shall have it there off Cape Horn nothing remarkable to day, saw three sails, turned to the northward on it most finished
Lat 17°40' Long and tail made

Tuesday Oct 9th

Fair weather and fresh breezes, the wind still hangs on in the old quarter (i.e. aft) and if we have it so 2 weeks we shall be up to the Cape, pray God we may be. I for one want to get there, fore soon. nothing remarkable happened this 24 hours
Lat 18°54' Long 37°27'W

Wednesday Oct 10

Fair wind & fine weather two of the best things there are. and are seldom seen in Company (at sea) However they seem to go hand in hand this voyage, so much the better the more they are inclined to be comers the sooner we shall get to California nothing to be remarked as the fellow said when asked what the news was.
Lat 20°23' Long 37°45'W

Thursday Oct 11

Fair weather and fair winds, the air grows cooler as we get farther south, and we can perceive a difference already in the temperature expect we shall feel it more off Cape Horn
Lat 22°5' Long 38°25'W