

Wednesday December 5th Commences with strong breezes from S.E. Ship heading N.W. $1/2$ W. and going 7 knots. The firing begins today to make a show for the purpose of landing lumber in San Francisco. It looks rather small for this purpose but I suppose it will answer. Nothing worth mentioning happened in the AM. Wind light, weather fine. Crew employed in setting up the main rigging and other humminging jobs. Nothing new or strange.

Wind S.E. Course N.W. $1/2$ W. (Lat 17° 14' South
Long 88° 50' West)

Thursday December 6th Commences with light winds from S.E. Ship heading N.W. $1/2$ W. and going along slowly through the water. Crew employed in setting up the frozen rigging and humminging round. Saw nothing remarkable, except the appearance of the sky, which had the most peculiar look I ever noticed. It was clouded over with a kind of haze, which gave it the appearance of a Pond frozen over and the ice cracked in different places. It was nature to the water. And a light south going some way to sea.

Course N.W. $1/2$ W. Wind S.E. (Lat 15° 39' South
Long 90° 40' West)

Friday December 7th Commences with light winds & fine weather & so continues. This day will be long remembered by the Repurgers & crew of Ship Mary Coffin as the Birth day of Mr. Heath one of our number. The evening was celebrated in the cabin by drinking some excellent Champagne. After seeing things through in shape in the Cabin, Mr. Heath, Mr. Chandler & myself adjourned to the fore-castle, to see what kind of a time they were having there. The four of them made awakes for fun. Having had just enough Cognac to get them in a laughing mood. He had some first rate songs & music on fiddle & accordion & after stopping there an hour we adjourned to our staterooms, where old Sumner had as soon in his embrace. The day was also made memorable, by the breaking out of some hums (it should be Flames!!) To us, who since we left home, have had nothing to eat but stewed Salt Beef & Pork. These will prove quite a treat.

Wind S.E. Course N.W. $1/2$ W. (Lat 14° 17' South
Long 92° 52' West)

Saturday December 8th 1849 Commences with strong winds from S.E. Ship heading N.W. & going along freely. Raised a sail at 5 am. which afterwards proved to be the Ship Madford of Boston bound to San Francisco, which we left in Valparaiso on the 26th Inst. How she ever caught us God only knows. Had Ham for breakfast this morning and it proved a rich treat at least to judge from the quantity eaten, which was something less than a whole one. How soon we shall get any more I don't know. Nothing else remarkable happened.

Wind S.E. Course N.W. $1/2$ W. (Lat 12° 38' South
Long 94° 50' West)

Sunday December 9th 1849 Commences with light winds from S.E. breezes, latter part much the same. The Madford on our weather quarter. Hull down, and rather falling astern at that. I think, give us strong winds, and the faster sail she carries we could outtail her either on a Southerly, or before it. This day at sea, is always the longest, besides being the last. Chasants of any kind there is nothing doing aboard ship, all are obliged to amuse themselves, with nothing to take up their attention. A "Strongy Petrel" (alias) ("another Carry Chicken") flew on board to day, or rather (tonight) and one of the Officers could near stepping on it, but did not. I believe. He caught one Ship Jack (a fish), to day and had a fry for dinner.

Course N.W. $1/2$ W. Wind S.E. (Lat 10° 55' South
Long 96° 40' West)

Monday December 10th 1849 Commences with light winds from S.E. Ship heading N.W. Nothing remarkable happened except we had Ham fried for breakfast quite a rarity. The crew engaged on the rigging and painting ship, preparatory to entering the N.E. Trades, which on this side the Land, blow so strong, as not to allow any thing of the kind being done. While in them, or rather under their influence.

Wind S.E. Course N.W. $1/2$ W. (Lat 9° 36' South from Newbury & other lines
Long 98° 07' West from Greenwich)

Tuesday December 11th 1849 Commences with light winds from S.E. Ship heading N.W. Ship Madford still in sight to the eastward. Crew employed this day on the rigging and jacking Okum. Nothing remarkable happened. That I saw or heard of. All well. We have now been going over two weeks without starting tack or heist, with heading sails set, no ends.

Wind S.E. Course N.W. $1/2$ W. (Lat 8° 04' South
Long 99° 41' West)