

Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1850. This Day  
Commenced with strong winds from the Eastward  
Ship heading North, and going along 8 knots more or  
less. If this wind holds I shall give her till Sunday  
noon. to get her Anchor down. Towards noon it  
began to breeze stronger, so much so that we took  
in all three Top Gallant sails, and at 9 P.M. her  
under close reefed Topsails & Courses. Nothing  
Remarkable Happened, so Ends. All Well.

(Lat 30° 27"  
Course N. Wind East. & by N. (Long Stone Taken

Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> 1850. This Day  
Commenced with strong winds from the Eastward Ship going  
along freely with Royals out. Saw Pigeons & took one.  
After dinner it moderated, and was nearly calm till  
towards night when a breeze sprang up from S.W. and  
continued breezing on till 10 P.M. at which time as the  
night before the ship was going off under close reefed  
fore & main Topsails & foresail. Never mind, she is going a  
good 17 knots under that sail. Blow away to the right  
never mind how much, if it be only in the right  
place. Nothing Remarkable Happened.

(Course N by E. Wind W to S.W. (Lat 33° 09"  
(Long 125° 14" by Luman

Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> 1850 Turned  
out this morning and found the wind in the same  
old hole ship going along well enough, but it is tremendous rough.  
All hands in high spirits, expecting to make land tomorrow.  
and on Friday night. May God it may moderate for soon so we can  
carry sail. We have got a superb mainsail on her now but it's all  
shut down at present. Weather pretty clear & cold, regular American  
Weather. Though not as cold as on the other side of land.  
Nothing Remarkable happened this day. Saw a sail to the Southward  
turning to the Southward. So Ends all well.

(Lat 35° 29"  
Long 123° 12"

Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> 1849. 1850.

Commenced with light winds from E. Land so continued through the  
day. or rather forenoon. At noon the wind breezed on, and the old  
ship went through the water freely, but not enough for us  
to get ashore today. Made Land at 2 P.M. In the morning  
we raised a sail forward of our Weather Beacon, we soon beat  
her out. But after dinner hauled aback & spoke her, & found  
her to be the Ship Japan, Bigelow. of Boston. She sailed the  
29<sup>th</sup> day of last July. 14 days out longer than ourselves. Poor  
fellows I pity them from the bottom of my heart. There is a  
hard lot. Their longitude was the same as ours 122° 45" W.  
but their latitude much different 37° 24" N. After speaking  
her we braced forward, and stood after her, and soon  
got her in her place; astern of us. Towards night took in  
Top Gallant sails & reefed the Topsails, intending to lay too  
on different tacks all night, as the weather is too dark  
and foggy to think of running in to night. The bravery  
of our Captain in now doubted by none as it is a well  
known fact to all on board, that he keeps all his forecous  
loaded, and never thinks of turning in without a pair of  
Pistols under his pillow. All well. So Ends Harra for Calipora

(Course N by E. Wind S.E. (Lat 36° 50"  
(Long 122° 45"

Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 1850

This day commences with fine winds from E. Land in sight  
Now at 2 P.M. we can see the City, to judge from the forest  
of masts, one would suppose that there were a great  
many vessels in the Port. We are going in in company  
with 17 ships & Barks all Americans. We think the best  
going in. The City is now only 16 miles off Goddy, Goddy;  
I can't believe it hardly. Tomorrow I am in hopes to  
give some description of San Francisco, and the different  
country. God grant it.

(Lat 37° 49"  
(Long 122° 14"