

Barque Fortune of New Bedford Capt Nathaway

Remarks on Tuesday Jan 21st 1851

First part light baffling winds from West to SSW carrying all sail our course is SSW at 11 PM wind shifted SE we tacked ship latter fine breeze from East to SE set the standing watch variously employed about the ship, we killed the Bear, 30 Ems Lett by Obs 51.45 Long by Obs 63.12

Remarks on Wednesday Jan 22nd

First part moderate breeze from North and fine at 5 PM with all sail set midnight took in standing sails & the SE wind came to Westward latter strong breeze and heavy took in 3rd sail & double reefed fore top sail saw ship to Westward 30 Ems Lett by Obs 52.52 South Long by Obs 63.25 W

Remarks on Thursday Jan 23rd

First part light baffling air and calms on sail in sight middle part fresh breeze from West the South light air and calms 5 ships in sight 30 Ems saw number of Finbacks Lett 53.18 Long by Obs 63.45

Remarks on Friday Jan 24th

Calm with calms and pleasant weather 5 sail in sight at 2 PM Capt. Hume came aboard of the St George he had 330 lbs of sperm at 5 the Amureca spoke us speaking with 110 lbs of sperm gained with him at 10 PM Capt went aboard of his ship Middle part fresh breeze from SE the SE at 3 PM saw Staten Land bearing South dist 25 miles latter light air and baffling SE from SE to SW at 9 AM double sunset the East point of Staten Land 30 Ems 7 sails in sight East point of Staten Land bearing SE 30 W 12 miles dist Lett 54.57 Long 63.87

Remarks on Saturday Jan 25th

Clear 24 hours variable air and calms SE 8 PM at 4 AM took in 3rd sail at 5 PM spoke Levi Starbuck Capt Elson clear and a Barque from New York bound to Columbia River 30 Ems West point of Staten Land bearing SE 6 dist 10 leagues Lett 55.20 Long by act 64.50 West

Remarks on Sunday Jan 26th

First part calm latter calms middle sunset from South SE 1 PM 3rd set shedding sails low & slept at 8 PM the mate of Barque Platina of Westport 30 Ems Land in sight to Northward 5 sail Lett by Obs 56.01 Long 65.47 West

Remarks on Monday Jan 27th

First part calms at 7 PM it opening up light breeze from East the SE 1 PM at 4 AM set standing sails a Barque passed us this to East at 8 wind came to SE at daylight there was 7 sail in sight at 9 AM the mate of Harriet Wilson came aboard after letters at noon Cape Horn was West dist 30 miles Lett by Obs 56.24 South Long by Obs 66.53 West

Passage out off Cape Horn AD 1851

Remarks on Tuesday Jan 28th

Begins with light air and calms SE 8 PM with all sail set at 10 PM it opening a breeze from Westward took in standing sails & fly jib fore top 3rd sail set. Round Cape Horn bore SE dist 25 miles and five sail in sight latter heavy gales and heard squalls at 10 AM took in all sail to a cloud kept main top sail and fore sail set spencers and hove ship on the tack Lett by Obs 56.53 Long by act 67.25 West

Remarks on Wednesday Jan 29th

Heavy with heavy gales from NW 11 PM to under cloud reefed M 3 sail & fore sail and spencers at 1 PM took in fore sail then blowing strong and on at 5 it lulled. 10 PM set fore sail at 10 set double reefed top sails gale abated at 8 AM wind came to SE 11 PM hove ship out of top sails and set courses and hove ship to Westward 30 Ems Lett by Obs 57.16 West Long by Obs 67.53 West

Remarks on Thursday Jan 30th

Begins with strong gales from SE 11 PM squally weather bearing NW under double reefed top sail & courses at 7 PM wore ship headed up SE through the night at 1 PM wore back to Westward latter gales increased took in jib's spencers squalls attendant with rain 30 Ems Lett by Obs 57.12 South Long by act 68.16

Remarks on Friday Jan 31st

Calm with strong gales from NW at 3 PM closed reefed main 3 sail furled the fore one and fore sail set spencers and wore ship to South & hove to midnight took in main 3 sail and hove in lee 13 sails then blowing heavy with a high sea on at 10 AM set lee clew of main top sail 30 Ems took in fore top mast stay sail Lett by act 57.25 South Long by act 67.40

Remarks on Saturday Feb 1st

Begins with heavy gales from NW 11 PM and high sea running lying to under lee clew of M 3 sail & spencers 1 PM set main top sail closed reefed 5 stay sail it lulled some Lomas fell on Deck and put his collar bone out Capt myself tried to set it midnight wind shifted to SE 11 PM and blue very hard squalls attendant hail and snow we wore ship took in fore 3 stay sail hauled down clew of main top sail latter part the same at 9 AM ship passed us showing Orizaba signal 30 Ems Lett by Obs 57.41 Long by Obs 68.16

Remarks on Sunday Feb 2nd

Calm with heavy gales from South with frequent squalls of hail & snow lying to under the clew of main top sail & spencers on larboard tack middle part the same at daylight abated at 7 AM set double reefed top sail & courses saw a ship and Remorquador at 11 AM we tacked ship to Westward 30 Ems Lett by act 57.47 Long by Obs 68.40