

Monday October 6th 1834. Nearly a calm all these 24 hours. Another Year has passed away and brought again the anniversary of my natal day. This has been to me the most monotonous year of my existence. With the exception of about 40 hours on shore altogether, this Year has been passed on board Ship and cruising on the Ocean excepting a few days at anchor. On board the George, four hours of the day it was my station at the Main Top Gallant Mast head, to look over the vast plain of waters bounded only by the horizon, to watch & see whenever one of the monarchs of the deep should discover himself by spouting up his breath like a column of white foam. When discovered by any of us, then the daily monotony was broken by a pursuit with Ship and boats. If successful in capturing one, then there was business enough for a few days or until he was converted into Oil & stowed in Casks below. When we did not have whales to take care of there was the Ship to be attended to making & repairing, tearing down & building up, stowing and restowing, painting and scraping &c &c and although always busy as grave diggers, still nothing to make life agreeable, as it offers nothing at Sea but a continued round of the same thing over and over again. When I look back to the birth day previous it hardly seems possible that a Year has fled; but Time hastens on and brings my journey of life onward imperceptibly, and how soon it may be brought to its close is known only to Him who holds the line of all mankind. Much time is given for reflection to those whose business is on the waters far from the busy haunts of men, and many a lonely watch have I recalled the hours gone by, and the images of those fondly cherished, and then look forward with renovated hope to scenes that may yet await me. As I have touched on many shoals and chumps often on the Rocks of Disappointment while steering through dangerous passages in life I hope as I have become a tolerable Pilot by experience, to carry my bark safe through the remainder of the voyage as I have left beacons on every dangerous place, and am determined to keep a good look out. Lat Obs 30° 56' Long 140° 56'

Tuesday Oct 7th Calm the most of the 24 hours. At 3 P.M. took a Lunar Observation ☉ x ☾ Lat Obs 31° 04' N Long 140° 56' W

Wednesday Oct 8th First part calm. Middle & latter part light airs from the South & S.W. Set Steering Sails. Took a Lunar Observation & made the Longitude at 4 P.M. 140° 48' Steered E.N.E. ☉ x ☾ Lat Obs 31° 10' N Long 139° 55' W

Thursday Oct 9th First part light breezes. Steered E.S.E. At 3:30 P.M. took a Lunar Observation & made the Longitude 139° 45' W. Middle part nearly calm. Latter part light breezes from the Westward. Steered E.S.E. ☉ x ☾ Lat Obs 31° 10' N Long 139° 00' W

Friday Oct 10th First part fresh breezes from the W & N.W. Set Steering Sails. Middle & latter part pleasant with passing clouds and wind hauling North & N.Easterly. Took in Steering Sails and braced by the wind. Lat Obs 30° 15' N Long 136° 40' W

Saturday Oct 11th Light Easterly winds and pleasant weather. Steered by the wind to S.E. & N.E. Lat Obs 28° 55' N Long 136° 20' W

Sunday Oct 12th Light variable winds from East to S.E. Steered by the wind to S.E. & N.E. Lat Obs 28° 58' N Long 135° 55' W

Monday Oct 13th The first 12 hours light variable winds and calms with pleasant weather. Remainder a moderate breeze from North to N.W. Steered E.S.E. Lat Obs 27° 16' N Long 135° 25' W

Tuesday Oct 14th Commences nearly calm. At 3 P.M. a breeze sprang up from N.W. Steered East & E.S. Middle & latter part fresh breezes. Wind hauling Northward. Steered E.S.E. Lat Obs 28° 48' N Long 133° 50' W

Wednesday Oct 15th Brisk breezes from N.W. & cloudy weather. Steered East. Set Steering Sails. Lat Obs 28° 08' N Long 131° 17' W