

Journal of a Whaling voyage to the Pacific

Wednesday Dec 7

Begins with light baffling winds from the Eastward with more rain squalls Steering S by W Middle part Strong breezes from the Southward steering on the wind to the Westward under all sail & Sail in sight latter part the same with fine weather Lat by Obs 4. 39 Long by Chron 25.30 36 days out

Thursday Dec 8th

Begins with light winds from the S with fine weather Steering on the wind to the Westward under all sail at 4 AM Tacked to the Eastward at 7 AM sent down the Main Topgalant Sail and cut off the head of it at 12 o'clock but it again in sight at 7 PM tacked to the Westward Middle & latter the same All hands employed in ships duty so ends 37 days out

Friday Dec 9th

Begins with light baffling winds from the Southward steering on the wind to the Westward broke out a cask of Bread out of the after hatch Middle & latter the same with fine weather one sail in sight at one PM commence setting up the head gear all hands employed in ships duty so ends 38 days out

Saturday Dec 10th

Begins with light baffling winds from the Southward steering on the wind to the Westward with fine weather Middle & latter part the same at 3 PM killed a pig & turkey all hands employed in ships duty so ends

Ocean of the Ship Alfred Gibbs & Nicholas Alwates
39 days out Lat by Obs 1-35 Long by Chron 29 11

Sunday Dec 11th 1859

Begins with light baffling winds from the South & Eastward with fine weather Steering on the wind to the South & Westward Middle & latter part the same one sail in sight had stewed turkey for dinner in the cabin & Stewed pig forward so ends the day of rest 40 days out Lat by Obs 00-12 Long by Chron 29-36 11

Monday Dec 12th

Begins with light steady winds from the Land E with fine weather steering on the wind to the South & Westward at 6 o'clock commenced setting up the fore Topmast & Topgalant backstays at 1 PM set up the Main Topmast & Topgalant backstays and set Mast & Topgalant rigging at 3 PM killed another Turkey Middle & latter part strong Trades from the S E steering S by W & W with fine weather same nothing to say all hands employ. In setting up rigging so ends this day 41 days out

Tuesday 13th

Begins with moderate winds from the S E Steering S by W & W with fine weather One sail in sight had roasted Turkey for Dinner Middle & latter part strong Trades from the S E steering on the wind to the Southward and Westward all hands employed in fitting Rigging at 5 PM broke out a barrel of flour out of the main hatch so ends 42 days out Lat by Obs 5-01 Long by Chron 31-38

Wednesday Dec 14th

Begins with strong Trades from the S E Steering on the wind to the Southward & Westward