

Journal of A Whaling voyage of the Ship Alfred

Thursday Dec 22nd 1859

Begins with a dead calm and fine weather
At 6 AM took a breeze from the N E Steering
S W At 7 AM broke out for a new fill out of the
Main hatchway At 11 AM broke out for small
Stores Middle & latter part light winds and fine
Weather Steering S W 4 Sails in sight one Whaler
Showing a blue signal with a white bell in it
But did not speak her so ends
52 days out

Friday Dec 23rd

Begins with fresh Breezes from the N E
Steering S W with fine weather Middle
And latter part the same 2 sail in sight
53 days out

Saturday Dec 24th

Begins with strong Breezes from the N E
Steering S W 1/2 S with fine weather at 6 AM
Sent down the Main sail and made it smaller
At 5 PM bent it again and hilled a top and
Teekey Middle & latter part the same as to wind
And weather Steering S W 1/2 S so ends
54 days out

Sunday Dec 25th

Begins with moderate breezes from the N E
with fine weather Steering S W 1/2 S Middle &
Latter part light winds from the N E
with a heavy swell At 6 PM took the wind
from the S W stood on the wind to the Westward
On sail in sight drizzle rain squalls at 8
PM dubble reefed the Top sail latter part
Moderate gale from the S E Steering S W
with a heavy sea running so ends
55 days out

Gilts to the Pacific Ocean Capt E Richards Master

Monday Dec 26

Begins with a moderate gale from the S E
Steering S W under dubble reefed Top sails
2 Sail in sight one a Whaler roasted pig for
Dinner Middle & latter part more moderate
With fine weather Steering S W by S under easy
Sail so ends
56 days out

Tuesday Dec 26th

Begins with strong Breezes from the S E
Steering S W by S under easy sail at 6 AM
Took the reefes out of the fore & main Top sails
Bent a new fill and Main Topmast Stay
Sail At 11 AM spoke the Bague Planet
of Bremen bound to the Cahotsk sea Middle
& latter part moderate winds from the Eastward
with fine weather 2 sails in sight Steering
S W by S under easy sail so ends
57 days out

Wednesday Dec 27th

Begins with strong Breezes from the N E
Steering S W by S Middle part the same
Steering W S W one sail in sight At 1 PM
Dubble reefed the Top sails the weather looking
Squally At Sundown took in sail to cruise of
The River of Platte latter part strong Breezes
and squally heading in shore on the wind
58 days out

Thursday Dec 28th

Begins with strong Breezes from the N W
Steering on the wind to the Land Westward with
fine weather 2 sail in sight broke out for water
Middle & latter part light Breezes from the
S E standing on the Landward tack at 6 PM
With the Ship Emma E Jones 16 months out 1200 Whales
59 days out