

Journal of a Whaling Voyage of the Ship Alfred Gibbs

Friday Dec 28th 30th

Begins with light winds from the S E standing off shore to the North Eastward at daylight made sail and stood in shore Middle part light Breezes from the N E with fine weather 3 sail at 11 AM gained with the Emma & Jones again sold her a boat saw some porpoises And Grampus Lattas part Strong Breezes Standing off shore under easy sail 6 days out

Saturday Dec 30th

Begins with strong winds from the N E steering to the Eastward with fine weather Middle part more moderate 3 sail in sight broke out for steam out of the fore hatch Lattas part light Breezes from the N E With fine weather at 7 AM made the Emma & Jones and kept her S West for Cape Horn At 9 AM luffed too with the head yards aback day until daylight 6 days out

Sunday Jan 1st 1860

Begins with light winds from the N E With fine weather laying aback at daylight made sail and stood S W Middle Lattas part the same 4 sail in sight had scouted Turkey for lines at 6 PM captured a whale At sundown took in sail luffed to the wind On the Starboard tack Lat 35° S Long 50° 45' W 6 days out

Monday Jan 2nd

Begins with moderate Breezes from the N E standing off shore to the North Eastward with fine weather steering on the wind to the Westward at daylight made sail and stood S W 3 sail in sight

To the Pacific Ocean Capt E. Nichols Master

At 11 AM took a heavy squall from the S W which lasted But at best time took in fore & Mizzen Top sails reefed the foresail at 11 PM the wind halled to the Eastward and more moderate set double reefed Top sails with the steering S W Lattas part Strong Breezes from the S W steering on the wind to the S E Eastward so ends 6 days out Lat 35-28 S Long 50-46 W

Tuesday Jan 3rd 1860

Begins with strong winds from the S W steering by the wind on the Starboard tack With fine weather at 7 AM made all sail Middle Lattas part the same with a head Beat sea At 3 PM took in the fore & mizen Top galant sail saw nothing to day but porpoises 6 days out Lat 37-20 S Long 50-44 W

Wednesday Jan 4th

Begins with a moderate gale from the S W Theading on the wind on the Starboard tack Under double reefed Top sails with heavy squall And swell Middle part more moderate shook one reef out of the Top sails and set the fells & reefed mainsail Lattas part fine weather part Strong Breezes at 11 PM closed reefed the fore & mizen Top sails and took in the fells & reefed heavy so ends Lat Long 6 days out

Thursday Jan 5th

Begins with a moderate gale from the N E steering on the Starboard tack under sail Middle part more moderate made all sail fine weather At 3 PM did away cabin at 6 took the wind from the N E steering N E under sail