

Ship Alfred Gibbs. Christian ground.

Remarks Sunday Dec 1st 1865. 187th
Begins with strong wind blowing from N.W.
Heavy squalls. Heading to the N.W. Barometer
very low. 29⁴/₁₀. Where are the whales, and
the whaling weather. This is the commencement
of the last day of this year. I should like
to be at home with you. I dreamed of
you last night. a real good dream. But
it was a dream after all. I awake before
its conclusion, and tried to make a reality
of it; But could not. The dream went by.
But every thing looks so natural, that it almost
appears I can see it all now. I should like
to see my children. I hope they will grow up
good. But I fear they want judicious
training. In the part a gale of wind from
the West. Have too under close reefed main
top sail, heading to the North.

Barometer 29³/₁₀
This has been a very lonely day to me. How
much I have thought of home. How you
laughed of me too day. I hope so.
Shall I ever get enough, so that can stay at
home with my family. It appears dark
now. But I hope it will change for the better.
I have toiled long on the sea for a
living. It ought to go to me something
at last. Good night my dear
friends.

Lat 41-18 Long 23-37

So ends the year of 1865

trying to get to the westward. Almost impossible.

Remarks Monday Jan 1st 1866. 188th

Begins with a gale of wind from the
Westward, have too heading to the North.
I wish my friends all a happy New Year.
Barometer 29⁵/₁₀ at midnight the wind hauls
to the N.E. wore ship to the westward under
double reef. Drugging on. Close reef the Mizin
top sail. Lat 40-58. No. 188

Remarks Tuesday Jan 2^d. 189th
Begins with a heavy gale from the N.E.
Have too heading N.W. under close reefed
main top sail. Heavy squalls of rain and
wind. It beats all that I have ever seen in all
my going to sea. almost a continual gale of
wind. first from the North, then from the
West. Barometer 29³/₁₀.

Middle part blowing a heavy gale. at 8 P.M.
the wind hauls to the West N.W. heavy
squalls all night. At 10 A.M. Moderation.
Set the fore sail and close reefed Mizin
top sail. Lat 41-17 Long 25-17

Remarks Wednesday Jan 3^d. 190th Day.
Begins with strong winds from the N.W.
at 8 P.M. Set double reefed top sails, jib.
Wind slowly moderating, and heading to the
Northward. heading on the northern tack.
Barometer 29⁷/₁₀. Middle part wind N.E. and
raining. heading to the N.W. at 6 A.M. the
wind hauls to the N.W. in a squall. at 8 began
to blow on. Took in fore & Mizin top sail and fore
sail, close reefed the main top sail. Saw a whaling boat
supposed the whaler heading to the westward. at
noon blowing very heavy. Have too heading N.W.
under close reefed main top sail. Bar 29⁷/₁₀