

Ship Alfred Gibbs towards Huafu.

Remarks Tuesday Jan 1st 1861. 553rd
 Begins with strong S.W. winds. Working
 to the South under Double Reef. But it is
 hard work. O I hope this year will be more
 fortunate for than the past has been. We have
 lowered the boats but three times for sperm whales
 the past year. and got 26 bbls. Latter part
 strong winds. under Double Reef.

Lat 38-49 Long 15-46
 Remarks Wednesday Jan 2nd. 554th.
 Begins with strong S.W. winds under Double
 Reef. at 6 P.M. took the fore and main top sails.
 Blowing a moderate Gale. Latter part little more
 moderate. At the fore and main top sails close reefed.
 Saw a Merchant's Bark steering to the N. Lat 37-40

Remarks Thursday Jan 3rd 555th
 Begins with strong winds from the S. Heading
 to the South under close reefed fore and main top
 sails and Double reefed main. Latter part under
 Double Reef. at noon wore ship to the Eastward

Lat 39-38 Long 22-33
 Remarks Friday Jan 4th 556th
 Begins with fresh Breezes from S.E.
 Heading to the Eastward under top sails.
 Latter part light air from the Westward.
 Employed repairing the main top gall sail.

Lat 39-45 Long 27-25
 Remarks Saturday Jan 5th 557th
 Begins with light air from the S.W. Course
 S.E. at 6 bent and set the main top gall
 sail. at 7 the breeze freshened and headed
 to the South. Heading S.E. O dear everything
 is against us. I do not know what will become
 of us. if we do not see some whales soon.
 Latter part repaired the main top sail.

Lat 40-38 Long 36-36

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Remarks Sunday Jan 6th 1861. 558th
 Begins with fresh breeze from S.E. head to the
 N.W. at 6 P.M. tacked to the Eastward.
 Latter part moderate. Lat 40-54 Long 45-46

Remarks Monday Jan 7th. 559th
 Begins with moderate breeze from the South
 heading to the Eastward. Latter part calm. repaired
 the main top sail. Lat 41-23 Long 45-01

Remarks Tuesday Jan 8th 560th
 Begins with moderate breeze from S.W.
 Head to the S.E. at 2 P.M. land Dist 35 miles.
 Middle and latter parts light air and calm.
 repaired the main top gall sail. Land in sight.

Lat 41-42 Long 45-08
 Remarks Wednesday Jan 9th 561st Day.
 Begins with moderate breeze from the West
 heading to the South saw the Back & Porpoise.
 at 7 P.M. breeze freshened. took in top gall sails.
 Cape Natalqui in sight bearing S.E. by compass.
 Dist 40 miles. Middle and latter parts calm.
 repaired the fore top gall sail. Lat 42-32 Long 45-05

Remarks Thursday Jan 10th 562nd
 Begins with light air from the North. Steering
 North for Huafu. We have been 18 days getting
 here from Maca. Saw one the Back.
 Middle part fresh breeze and rain. at 3 P.M. suffered
 to. Latter part strong breeze from W.S.W. Spoke the
 line cutting a Back. took in fore and main
 top sails. At noon Huafu bearing S by
 compass Dist 25 miles. three sails in
 sight.