

Ship Alfred Gibbs towards New Bedford

Remarks Monday Aug 30th 1861 1521
Begin with light air from S.W.
Latter part light air from N.W.
Saw a ship steering to the Northward.
Thermometer 86°. Lat 30-06 Long 62-17

Remarks Tuesday Aug 31st 1522
Begin with light air from N.W.
Heading by to the Northward. Ship in
sight to Leeward. Latter part - same
squally. with more wind. saw three
sails. One tacking ship. Lat 31-42 Long 63-08

Remarks Wednesday Sept 1st 1523
Begin with fresh breeze from the Westward.
Heading by to the N.W. At 4 P.M. took
in the Staysails. Middle part fresh breezes.
Latter part strong winds from S.W. and squally.
Weather looked bad. took all sail except Staysails
reefed Main Top sail Close reefed Fore and reefed
Fore sail. Course N.W. at 11 A.M. let the
reef out the Fore sail. Lat 34-01 Long 64-39

Remarks Thursday Sept 2nd 1524
Begin with fresh breezes from the Westward
but gradually going away. At 4 P.M. the
weather looked bad. took in the light sails.
at 5 Close reefed the Top sails, furled jib
and Main sail. At 6 P.M. a tempest
passed over us. with incessant Thunder
and lightning. The rain was not very
heavy. After the worst of the tempest
had passed the wind came in heavy
flaws from various directions. took in
all sail but a Close reefed Main

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Thursday Sept 2nd 1861 1524. Continued
Top sail. At 7 P.M. wind steady from S.W.
The tempest looked the worst of any I have
ever seen. The clouds looked a muddy green.
at 10 P.M. had a heavy squall from the North.
Caught the ship aback under Staysails. Bare
also Main Top sail, and Fore sail. It blew
very heavy. I never wish to see another such.
The sails were aback. A position that is of
the greatest dread to sailors. got the ship off
before the wind and furled all but Close reefed
Main Top sail. I then gave them orders
to let the Main sail except a Close reefed
Fore Top sail until morning. Such lightning
I never saw. We were very fortunate that
the worst of it did not pass over us. Latter
part raining and baffling. Wind from West to
N.W. Ship under short sail. Lat 34-38 Long 65-17

Remarks Friday Sept 3rd 1525
Begin with fresh breezes and veering from
W to N.W. heading by to the Northward.
Winds unsteady and flaws. heavy banks
of clouds hanging in the N and S.E.
Suppose Whirlwind clouds. found them
to be so. At dark saw lightning in them.
O dear me I want to get them out of it.
and get a little rest. Middle part flaws and
baffling from W by S to N.W. Latter
much the same. At 3 P.M. the wind hauled
to the N.W. were ship to the S.W.
winds unsteady, from W to N.W.
Saw two sails. Steering to the Eastward.
Lat 35-22 Long 66-45