

Tuesday March 9. 1869

I went on board the bark Libby, Capt Trip, at N. Bedford on Thursday noon March 4th & we were towed at once into the bay & dropped anchor. Friday night was very cold & Saturday morn we found the bay frozen over with new ice - the first time for 2 years. At 11 1/2 A.M. we were taken in tow & started for the S Atlantic - temper-ature 4 above. - Sat night it began blowing a gail from N.E. with snow & hail was obliged to leave too for 36 hours - did no damage. except to stove one boat & put our cabin in disorder by breaking title & flour barrel. I was up all night trying to secure chests, barrels, crockery &c. I was very sick up to last eve - the first time in my life 2nd & 3^d morn. Capt & 6 men in the forecabin all sick - our crew consist of 32 men, about 20 of them "Green hands". It has been bitter cold up to this A.M. we are now in warm water & temperature about 65 on deck have been out all day in shirt sleeves. yesterday decks were covered with ice

35. Saturday March 13. We have had very rough weather every day but one since we left Bedford & taken no observations for the past two days we are now about Lat 33 Lon 66. It is very hot to day & very pleasant a light breeze but a high sea. men are busy to day getting ready to take a fish. am quite anxious to see one. Passed a quantity of floating timber this A.M. was unable to make out just what it was - evidently some wreck. our course is S.E. yesterday a Bark passed our bow about 4 miles distant bound N.E. I think the officers & crew of this bark are a jolly set & if we ever get in enough of calm weather to attract out our stores &c I think we shall all feel much better.

Sunday Eve March 14. Lat 33-40 Lon 62-16 Very warm & pleasant with a light breeze, course S.E. At day break two men were stationed aloft on look out for "Whale" about 2 P.M. a false alarm was given from aloft & all

was excitement for a few minutes but the "Whale" went down.

Monday March 15. Very hot & light breeze, course S. all hands are busy riging the boats. This morning I had an addition of 4 boat stow & the cooper to my table which makes 12 including myself & boy. Saw a ship at noon about 10 miles bound N.E. & at 5 P.M. spoke an English brig from Malabar for Panama.

Tuesday 16 March. Got up with a sick head ache this morning & have felt bad all day. Very pleasant & hot light S breeze, course S.E. Lat 32-42 Lon 60-45.

Wednesday March 17. Hot & pleasant. Course S.E. Lat 31-57 Lon 59-30. Four boats all rigged & men chosen to day. 5 men at mast head all day.

Thursday March 18. Sent up for 4 galant mast to day - hot & pleasant. Latitude 30-26 Longitude 55-56.

Friday March 21. Lat 29-22 Lon 52-33. It is very quiet & pleasant to day. Nothing of interest has transpired for the past few days. a good look out is kept for whales but none have yet been seen. Course N.E.

Saturday March 26. Lat 28-56 Lon 49-05. Rained very hard all day.

Sunday March 27. Saw a whale spout 3 or 4 times this morning about a mile off. "a fine back".

Monday March 31. Lat 28-20 Lon 43-23. Beautiful day calm sea & light breeze course S.E.