

Bark Alfred Gibbs Cruising North.

Remarks Monday Aug 26th 1872
 Begins with light winds and rain, from
 N.W. to S.W. the wind went round the
 compass twice. at 2^{1/2} it backed in to the S.E. by
 S and began to blow on. Stowed as far as
 all the mail we could carry prudently, to get
 an offing. at 5^{1/2} P.M. close reefed the
 main top sail took in the fore, and the
 stay sails, and luffed too, heading S.W. by N.
 The mast was in sight at 5 o'clock.
 Secured the oil, and that we could get
 a heavy Gale, which it has very appearance
 off. Middle part blowing very heavy, with a
 bad sea, being obliged to heave too on the stars
 back. On account of the land being so near. The
 wind gradually heading the ship off from N.W. by
 N at 7 P.M. to S at 4^{1/2} P.M. When we
 were ship to the N.W. When I went to bed
 having been up all night, with the exception of
 two hours that I was in bed but not asleep,
 having 20 bbls of oil on deck, the ship by
 too uncomfortable. Ship was but on sea. At 2^{1/2}
 A.M. began to moderate. Barometer lower than
 it has been since we came around Cape Horn.
 stood at 29⁴⁵/₁₀₀ at 2 P.M. Latter part moderating.
 Set close reef. and stay sails. The mast in
 sight.

at 1^{1/2} P.M. the wind backed down, the ship made

Lat 36-28 Long 74-37

Remarks Tuesday Aug 27th
 Begins with strong winds from N.W. but
 moderating. heading by to the westward, under
 close reefed top sails, fore sail and stay sails.
 at 6 A.M. commenced dailing again. The mast
 still in sight. Latter part light air and
 calm. at 7^{1/2} A.M. finished dailing.
 at 8. Commenced to stow down the
 oil. Stowed down to 24 bbls.

Lat 36-06 Long 74-48

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Remarks Wednesday Aug 28th 1872
 Begins with moderate breezes from N.W. by
 N. Employed stowing oil. Blackened off the
 main blotches. Latter part fresh breezes from
 N.W. heading S.E. at 10^{1/2} finished stowing down
 oil. Stowed 140 bbls. Saw hump backs.

Lat 36-17 Long 74-43

Remarks Thursday Aug 29th
 Begins with fresh breezes from N.W. bent a new
 fore sail. gave new bars braces, and new running
 to the fore sail. Latter part fresh breezes from
 N.W. saw two merchant ships.

Lat 36-33 Long 75-13

Remarks Friday Aug 30th
 Begins with fresh breezes from N.W. gave
 N.W. saw 100 bbls. Latter part moderate
 breezes from S.E. saw a crippled merchant ship.
 at 10 A.M. raised a school of sperm whales, going
 slow to the northward. at 10^{1/2} lowered the boats
 whales dist 2 miles. for some unknown cause
 the whales turned to the windward and went
 very fast. at noon chasing.

Lat 35-50 Long 75-01

Remarks Saturday Aug 31st
 Begins with moderate breezes from the
 southward and fine. The best weather we
 have had for 25 days. Boats chasing
 whales. at 3 P.M. gave it up and came on
 board. had the little chase on a little
 longer they may have got on to them. far
 before the boats got to the ship the whale
 had killed a off. at sundown they were
 within a 1/2 mile of the ship. Latter part
 moderate breezes from the S. The first
 day that we have had a squally wind
 for 25 days or more. saw 100 bbls.
 Employed setting up shooks.

Lat 35-44 Long 75-00