

Bark Alfred Gibbs toward New Bedford.

Remarks Friday May 30th 1873

Began with a heavy gale from W. N. W. have to head to the Northward under a close reefed main top sail and main Spencer and bare top mast stay sail. Barometer 29.2/100 at 3 P. M. the hauled two points to the west. Blowing hard in the squalls. at 5 P. M. began to blow steady and very hard, lightning seen occasionally. Blowing a heavy gale. When shall we get better good weather. I am nervous and anxious, and about worn out. Such an unhappy voyage as this has been all the way through. I hope it will make a better man of me. And keep me at home where I shall not have so much to make me bad.

At 6 1/2 P. M. Barometer 29.3/100. rose a very little. Still blowing heavy, with occasional flashes of lightning. We were in bad luck. He has blasted us thus far through the gale. The wind has shifted gradually, and in our favour. When it may have shifted suddenly, or against us. And with the sea we have had it would have been very bad for us. from 6 1/2 to 10 P. M. it blew very heavy and steady, with an awful sea running all way. then it began to moderate slowly, and the barometer to rise. at midnight.

at 3 A. M. quite moderate, but a very bad sea. could not run, set the bare top sail. Latter part moderate. But a heavy sea, at 7 A. M. put off N. E. by N. set a single reefed main top sail and main top gall sail. Barometer 29.5/100. Lat 37-47 Long 39-57

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Remarks Saturday May 31st 1873.

Began with moderate breezes from the westward, and slowly hauling to the N. at 5 P. M. wind N. to N. W. at 6 began to thicken in the N. W. to S. W. and to begin to lighten sharp. put the bark under close reefed top sails and reefed bare sail. at 8 it came from N. W. by N. in a squall of heavy rain. But not much wind.

Barometer 29.75/100 Thermometer 55° Middle part wind N. W. by N. and squally, with lightning. Latter part wind N. W. with heavy squalls. under double reef & courses. Barometer 29.9/100 Lat 36-59 No Long.

Remarks Sunday June 1st 1873

Began with moderate breezes from N. W. W. with heavy squalls of wind and rain. at 1 P. M. took in fifth & main sail. at 3 took in the bare sail & close reefed the top sails, furled the bare. took a heavy squall from N. W. Barometer went down 1/100 for it. standing at 29.83/100 at 5 P. M. set the bare top sail & bare sail. weather thick and rainy, with sharp lightning in the westward. middle part squally, at 8 P. M. took a breeze from the west, came in squalls, and they increasing in violence. Steered N. N. E. until two A. M. when they came so strong that we had to keep her off two points N. E. at 4 P. M. took in the bare sail. blowing very heavy, at 7 A. M. changed to E. N. E. and East in the squalls. run the remainder of the bare noon, before a hurricane. I think I never saw it blow so hard at sea, as it did in the squalls. I stood by the main at the wheel and faced it all the bare noon. I was perfectly awful. And I thank God for his protection. Barometer at 7 A. M. 29.4/100, at 10 began to rise. at noon 29.5/100. But no abating in wind.