

Bark Alfred Gibbs toward N. Bedford.

Remarks Wednesday July 16th 1873

Begins with fresh breezes from W. Course N by W. At 1 P.M. wind shifted to W by S. Course N. N. W. Wind increasing. Barometer falling. Stands at 30 1/10.

I am afraid of a N. Easter. but hope not. all still set. Ship gaining 8 knots.

Middle part strong winds. At 10 P.M. took in top Galt sails. The wind hauled to the W. N. W. Latter part fresh breezes, slowly hauling to the N. at noon wind N. N. E. Tacked the ship to the N. W.

Lat 36=41 Long 69=09

Remarks Thursday July 17th

Begins with fresh breezes from N. N. E. heading by to the N. W. Saw two sails steering to the Eastward. Middle part wind N. E. heading by to the N. N. W.

Latter part light air from E. N. E. to S. W. Course N. W. by N. N. E.

Lat 38=11 Long 70=12

Remarks Friday July 18th

Begins with light breezes from S. W. but is increasing. Course N. by W. passed a brig steering N. by E. At 2 P.M. a fresh breeze. Middle part strong winds.

At 2 P.M. took a very heavy tempest from W. by S. It was very hard. And such chain lightning I never saw. It streaked through the heaven and when it burst the sparks fell from it as it does from a rocket. When it burst, they had the main top Galt sail on when I got on deck.

I called all hands and took in everything but the main Spencer and fore top mast stay sail. Latter part wind N. N. E. Saw a schooner.

Lat 40=04 Long 71=12

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Remarks Saturday July 19th 1873

Begins with fresh breezes from N. N. E. and gradually increasing and hauling to the Eastward at 3 P.M. took in top Galt sails. At 6 double reefed the top sails and took a chance, got 37 fathoms green sage. The dark heading by to Northward. Saw a large Ocean Steamer heading to the Westward. At 8 saw a schooner heading to the S. W. Middle part wind E. S. E. to S. E. and thick weather, dark thunder & lightning. At 2 P.M. tacked off shore. At 4 tacked on. At 7 P.M. sailed, got 17 fathoms, tacked to the Westward. Latter part a thick fog. Wind N. E. At 9 saw a schooner, got 32 fathoms, got the anchor off the bows.

Remarks Sunday July 20th

Begins with light winds from N. by E. Foggy. got the gun up and fired for a Pilot. At 2 P.M. it cleared up a little. Saw a P. Boat. at 3 1/2 took a Pilot by the name of Swift. Came to anchor above Palmer Island at 10 o'clock P.M. Civil time. I went on shore, met Mr. Wood on the wharf he took me home in his carriage. I found my name cleared. Walked all at Church.

So Ends the voyage in the Bark

Alfred Gibbs, after an absence of 37 months and 26 days.