

Remarks on board Ship Herald of New Bedford

Tuesday Oct 17th. Strong wind from the S. W. steering S. E. C. until 4 Pm raised a Bark running for us as we thought. we luffed to the wind with the Main top-sail to the Mast. At 5 1/2 we see that it was a Merchantman then braced forward and took in the Foresail & sheet reefed the Main top-sail. at 6 Am set whole Main top-sail and double reefed Fore & Mizen top-sails and Foresail. steering S. by E. employed in repairing the rig. weather thick & very poor seeing.

Wednesday Oct 18th

Fresh wind from the N. E. W. steering S. by E. until 6 Pm luffed to the wind and shortened sail to short reefed Main top-sail. at Pm bent the rig at 7 Am set single reefed Main top-sail & double reefed Mizen and Foresail. steering S. E. ship going at the rate of 5 knots. weather favorable except squalls. Lat Long

Thursday Oct 19th. Fresh wind from the Westward steering S. E. weather quite pleasant. at 6 Am set whole Main top-sail & Main top-sail and top-sail. employed variously making in sight during the day. Lat 31.30 Long 34.30

John W. Gillies Commander making a passage to Brazil in the month of Oct. 1865.

Friday Oct 20th. Fresh wind from the N. W. steering S. E. S. E. at 6 Pm took in the top gallant sail. Mizen top-sail and reefed the Main top-sail. at 3 Am set whole top-sails top gallant sails. continue steering S. E. ship going at the rate of 8 knots. weather quite squally. Land about thirty five miles distant. at 12 O'clock land not in sight.

Lat Long

Saturday Oct 21st. Strong wind continue from the N. W. W. continue steering S. E. until 6 Pm shortened sail to short reefed Main top-sail and Mizen. and luffed to the wind heading about West. until 1 Pm wore ship. we thought we see Flores at sundown but was not shore. at night to been in sight at 1 Pm. at 5 1/2 Am set whole top-sails & whole Main top gallant sails. steering S. for Flores. at 11 Am the Island about twelve miles off bearing N. E. C. employed variously making in sight.

Sunday Oct 22nd

Fresh wind from N. W. W. steering S. E. by E. at 6 Pm shortened sail double reefed top-sails. very hazy in sight steering different courses. employed in getting the anchors of the bows and cables up & bending them. at 4 Am set all sail. the Land about twenty miles off. bearing S. E. at 8 Am had the S. W. end of the Island. and went through the south passage at 11 Am anchored in Bay with seven whalers. and eight or ten other vessels Merchant men and packets.