

Remarks On Board The Ship Houqua

Thursday 13th Day of December 1836

P.M. Commences with strong winds from the S.W. & some cloudy later part light breezes from S.E. & pleasant weather standing to the S.W. under all sail. A ship in sight of our weather bow Latitude $36^{\circ}00'$ Longitude $81^{\circ}00'$

Friday 14th

P.M. Commences with light breezes from the S.E. & pleasant weather. Standing down she wants about 150 fms more to fill her cask. At 5 o'clock for whale. A great & large boat passed the Waits Water line was found of the other the whales separated & seen a persite from each other cut a line & lost the whale lained one took him along side laid by him all night later part cut him in strong breezes from the S.E. & some rain. The Cerius took 1 whale



Saturday 15th

first & middle part of these 24 hours strong breezes from S.W. to S.E. thick & wet weather later part light breezes from the W.S.W. & pleasant weather standing to the South at 5 & 6 o'clock commenced sailing to end these 24 hours the ship Cerius of our lee bow

Sunday 16th

first & middle part light breezes from the S.W. & Calms & fine weather later part light winds from S.E. & S.W. thick foggy weather heading to the westward at 3 o'clock finished sailing about 70 BBLs

Monday 17th

These 24 hours commences with light winds from the S.W. with foggy weather we lay too under a close reef main top sail the ship Cerius in sight sailing middle part the same. Latter part ends with light winds and foggy weather. No Latitude

We cooped our oil and stowed it down

Tuesday 20

This day we all arose with light hearts to make sail for New Bedford we have light winds from the South and West cleared the decks and scraped the ship rove all the new running rigging that was necessary unbent the old main top gallant sail and bent a new one we also bent the fore topmast standing sail and set it ship's course at by W

Lat 36.31 - Long unknown

Wednesday 21

P.M. commences with fine breezes from the South & West with fine weather at 5 o'clock prepared for trimming ship at 7 o'clock all hands employed in shifting the water and every thing between decks so that the ship may sail better middle part the same. Latter part light winds. Lat 36.31 33 South. Staring at 4 o'clock

Thursday 22

P.M. Commences with light breezes from the W.S.W. & fine weather middle part light breezes & sailing later part strong breezes from the W.S.W. & good weather. Carboard sacks aboard employed in cleaning bone. Latitude $35^{\circ}20'$ Longitude at 2 P.M. $80^{\circ}02'49''$

Friday 23 Longitude at 2 P.M. $80^{\circ}45'$ Latitude $35^{\circ}33'$

On these 24 hours fresh breezes from the S.W. to West & passing clouds our ship is slipping briskly along over the raising. Main from 6 to 8 miles per hour with courses & S.G. sails set to the best advantage. Boulders well killed & sticks bearing a good strain it is with pleasure I gaze on the watery main in my night watch and look to see how gently our ship glides along through the seas & dashes them from the bows of her bows & upon water the foam & bubbles as she passes by them to see her ship through the water. Bright shines the full moon & spreads her brilliant rays over the wide ocean which gives the aspects of every mariner I believe & kindles up a joyful anxious & a going feeling in the bosoms of the long absent mariner when on his homeward passage to think on that scene of life & his friends relatives & those that are as dear as life to him & inspires before many months to meet them again with cheerful hearts though we have a great distance to go. May the God of heaven bless us with favourable winds & protect us though all the dangers we have to encounter with so ends these 24 hours past having hands employed in cleaning bone later part one water on clearing up sheeting & bundling bone