

Remarks On Board The Ship Hougua

Saturday 24th of December 1836

P.M. Commences With lively Breezes from the West at 6 P.M. the Wind halled to the South Squally & light rains Sat. F. M. Steeringsail middle & later part lively Breezes from the S.E. & pleasant weather. All hands employed these 24 hours cleaning ship 1st part scraping later part washing By 12 Meridian our Bulwarks rail & Deck were considerable clean for a bluey hunter. So Ends these 24 hours with 6 men on the Deck list & have been more or less so for 2 or 3 months past Course Steered N.W. W. By Compass latitude 28-28 Longitude at 2 P.M. 81-30

Sunday 25th

All these 24 hours fine Breezes from S.E. to S.W. fine & pleasant weather first part one watch in ships duty sent up F. M. D. G. Studingsails Booms & set 1/2 sails our Steeringsails are few but all set & we will set to the best advantage so our ship slips along by the force of the S.W. trades towards the liberty shores of America & before 3 months past pass our heads I am in hopes we shall reach our part of Destination New Bedford latitude 27-54 Course N.W. to N.W. W. Longitude at 2 P.M. 77-19-30

Monday 26th

All these 24 hours fine Breezes from the E.S.E. & pleasant weather & one watch employed in cleaning the out side of the ship So Ends these 24 hours Course W.N.W. latitude 27-04 Longitude at 2 P.M. 77-04-15

Tuesday 27th

All these 24 hours lively Breezes from the E.S.E. & pleasant weather All sail set to the best advantage one watch employed in ships duty Course Steered W.N.W. latitude 26-30 Longitude at 2 P.M. 75-16

Wednesday 28th

All these 24 hours light Breezes from S.E. to East Clear & warm weather one watch employed in ships duty & a lookout to the mast head Course W. by N. latitude 26-47 Longitude at 2 P.M. 73-27-45

Thursday 29th

P.M. Commences with light from the East & clear weather middle part fine leading breezes later strong breezes & some squally with light rain So Ends these 24 hours Course W. by N. latitude at 8 P.M. By lunar 70-15-00 By Chronometer 70-01-10 East

Towards New Bedford Edward P. Mashie

Friday 30th Day of December 1836

P.M. Commences with strong Winds from the S.E. & passing Clouds middle & later part lively Breezes & pleasant weather the Wind halled more aft Course Steered West the most of these 24 hours & all sail set to the best advantage one watch employed in ships duty Longitude By Chronometer at 8 P.M. 67-02 By lunar 67-06-00 latitude 26-30

Saturday 31st

first part of these 24 hours fine Breezes from the East & some Cloudy later part lively Breezes from the S.E. Course W. by N. Longitude at 8 P.M. By Chronometer 64-22-00 By lunar 64-28-00

Sunday 1st Day of January 1837

P.M. Commences with light Breezes from the East & fine weather at 2 P.M. the Wind halled to the W. W. took in all Studingsails & braist sharp up heading to the Westward middle & later part lively Breezes & passing Clouds Course W. by N. heading W. by N. W. latitude 26-55 Longitude at 8-30 P.M. By Chronometer 62-11-30 By lunar 62-29-00

Of Luner Observation Taken January 1st H. 8-30 P.M. By Maishering the Distance from the Sun to the Moon

Chro Time	S & Moon	Alt	Alt	H.P.L.
8-21-45	45-30	54-40	11	57-11"
76-59-52	77-41-30	45-51	34-21	4831
3-36	16-14	66-45	04916	
16-55-56	15-35	66-59	03603	
20-44-40	14	Arches 4980	4980	138-55
4-08-46	78-25-25	9908	2815	62-24
Time by Chro	1-36	8-6550	12694	43-31
True Dist	78-14-59	41-54	5558	23-56
N. Dist	78-32-56	9-41	2967	19-23
	49-350	32-15	2611	20-44-40
				22-54-44
				16-38-40
				15-34-44

Monday 2nd of January

P.M. Commences with strong Breezes from the N.W. & squally weather middle part light Breezes from the S.W. & pleasant weather later part from the South & some Cloudy at 10 P.M. set S. & S. G. Studingsails Steering W. by N. by Compass at 6 P.M. saw 3 or 4 sperm whale about 2 miles off our lee bow they went down & did not see them any more all that we wanted was Day light to make them at present of some harpoons & lances