

August 10th 1853

Moderate weather and fine breezes from the N. and steering on the wind with Starboard tack aboard. Toward night made a sail a long distance to windward could not make her out. 3^d mate no better. Lat 40° 18' N. Lon. 32° 40'

August 11th

Wind N. made two tacks carrying all sail. Broke out for water and to forth. Lat 39° 45' Lon. 32° 16'

August 13th

The last 24 hours marked with but slight changes. To day fine gales from S. W. and promising weather. The Steward sea sick again and complains of some lameness. Discovered a sail towards noon to windward just after dinner she appeared to be running down for us. Spoke her at 3 P.M. Proved to be Bark George Washington Capt. Harp from New Bedford 21 months out with 400 Bbls Sp. Lat 39° 40' Lon. 31° 50'

August 14th Sunday

Squally with rain. Saw two sails considerable distance to westward light sail taken in. Lat 39° 50' Lon. 32° 17'

August 15th

Came in with light gale and some rain. Steering S. E. At 1 P.M. sail ahead bearing down. Soon passed proved to be a merchant ship. At 2, saw a schooner on our weather bow. Towards night wind considerably increased and weather threatening a heavy blow. About 9, this evening having shortened sail to double reefed topsails and fore top mast staysail and then cut main top sail sheets fast in a heavy gust of wind from N. W. spliced and got them home again. The wind settled into a gale from that quarter. No obs.

August 16th

Gale continues very unpleasant. During the night had frequent squalls of rain. Afternoon the sea rolled mountains high and very irregular causing us to roll and tumble about terribly. A heavy sea struck the waist boat in one of our heaviest rolls about 2 P.M. and completely knocked her off the cranes making several holes in her bottom and otherwise injuring timber gunwale and so forth. In that emergency while she was dragging in the water by the davys fall all hands were mustered the main