

till 9 A.M. the rest of the day clear with a heavy swell. 2 P.M. spoke and came with the Bark Sea Breeze Capt Smith New Bedford one month out and clear for the N. H. Lat. $71^{\circ}5'$ Lon. $21^{\circ}5'$

Oct 10th

Fair wind but stormy. Course S. by E. Saw Blackfish. My cold don't seem to mend. Lat. $6^{\circ}55'$ Lon. $22^{\circ}05'$

Oct 11th

Very gentle breezes from S. H. Some rain. Course same. Don't seem as though we would ever get to the line though we carry all sail. Lat. $6^{\circ}50'$ Lon. $21^{\circ}30'$

Oct 12th

Wind continued light and weather dull. Course S. S. E. To day counted myself 26 sails from mast head supposed to be chiefly merchantmen. All around us and several quite near. This is by far the largest number seen in one day since we sailed. They have accumulated here having left the trades and found very fresh winds which brings them almost to a halt. Present quite a formidable and fleet looking appearance. Lat. $6^{\circ}18'$ Lon. $19^{\circ}25'$

Oct 13th

Fine breezes from S. H. Steering S. S. E. Towards night some rain. Wind increasing. Lat. $5^{\circ}17'$ Lon. $18^{\circ}33'$

Oct 14th 1853

Strong breezes from S. S. H. and fine weather. 2nd Mate Unwell with a cold and sore throat. During the day several sails seen also a school of Sperm Blackfish. I have quite recovered from my cold. It is the sudden changes here in the variables that brings it on and others are somewhat afflicted. Lat. $4^{\circ}31'$ Lon. $16^{\circ}51'$

Oct 16th Sunday

No important changes marked the last 24 hours. To day it is remarkably fine and is observed to have a very evil influence on our company in general. Some of them however presents a very ferocious appearance with their long beards and flowing locks. One, by the name of Cobbs from N York formerly a cart driver in particular looks as if he had just returned from a long siege in the diggings. Since we cleared from Fair Haven the knife has never been applied to his face and consequently he has a growth of beard and hair which if it was worth the attention might give employment for some time to a good sharp sythe in the hands of one skilled in its use. He stands about 6 feet in stockings or would if he had them on wears a pair of blue denim breeches a trifle too short a striped cotton shirt and a rusty straw hat. View him any way