

night coming on rugged and took in by the sails and double reefed S. sails. No obs.

Oct. 27th 1854.

Last 24 hours high winds and heavy rain. This morning light air and drizzling rain. Towards noon the clouds passed away and presently the wind came strong from the S. in a short time picking up a heavy sea. Lat. $36^{\circ}27'$ Lon. $7^{\circ}28'$

Oct. 28.

A. S. W. wind and pleasant. Got our M. S. Gallant sail on again to day. To night saw a large merchant ship steering to the eastward. Lat. $35^{\circ}50'$ Lon. $7^{\circ}37'$.

Oct. 29 Sunday.

The weather continues fine but wind light from N. S. W. Made a sail this afternoon to leeward a long distance appeared to be steering to starboard but could not make her out. Today our mental appetites have been well satisfied with books while physical wants have also been well attended to. The duff to day was praised for its goodness. It is thought by some however that plums though an addition are not an improvement. Albeit I am in no wise partial only give us charming tea such as we sometimes get of butter sugar and other ingredients. Lat. $36^{\circ}09'$ Lon. ————

Oct. 30.

No perceptible change in weather till near night when the wind veered to the N. and clouds darkened the sky. This forenoon got a light at humpbacks and lowered 2 boats for them. Succeeded in getting with 2 darts several times but could get no nearer. They seemed to understand the position of the boats about as well as we ourselves. They were monstrous big fish. To night clear again and pleasant. Lat. $35^{\circ}47'$ Lon. $8^{\circ}15'$

Oct 31.

Wind hauled a little to westward and still moderate. No other changes. No obs.

November 1.

No change Lat. $35^{\circ}27'$ Lon. $9^{\circ}20'$

Nov. 2.

Morning fair and fresh gales from the same quarter. Afternoon put a reef in our N. sails with wind and sea rising. About 3 P. M. made a sail to eastward and steering that way. She carried a heavy press of canvas going free and we saw her till dark. Lat. $36^{\circ}45'$ Lon. ————

Nov. 3.

A gale of wind from same quarter and lying to all day under double reefed No. 1. sail and storm sails. An ugly sea on and in