

Though it blows very hard it is the most comfortable gale we have had and no impediment to our reading etc. Lat $37^{\circ}51'$ Long $50^{\circ}29'$.

Jan. 22. 1855.

Gale increasing still in the A. E. and we begin to reckon it not quite so comfortable after all. To night it commenced raining and bids fair for a dismal disagreeable night. Several dishes at dinner time were rolled off the table and broken. So we concluded for further convenience to have it in our hands and we set on the Chests ^{and} eat our bread and meat. No obs.

Jan. 23.

No change and no obs.

Jan 24.

The gale rages fearfully and comes now from the S. E. Though the seas are quite regular they are the largest I ever saw and threaten sometimes to take away our boats though they are on the upper cranes and well lashed. Afternoon some rain to night clear. No obs.

Jan 25.

Towards morning the wind abated which left us rolling badly. At daylight got the fore sail on and E. S. sail double reefed and soon after shook the reefs out of the main

wind still going down. To night nearly calm but a long swell setting from S. There is a prospect of at least a few days of good weather. Lat. $37^{\circ}22'$ Long $48^{\circ}41'$.

Jan. 26.

Clearing weather. Pleasant gales from S. E. and all sail on. A fine contrast indeed to what we have recently experienced. To day got up our new stay. Lat. $38^{\circ}57'$ Long $47^{\circ}32'$.

Jan. 27.

 During the night wind changed to S. E. have had it all day fresh from that quarter. Weather cloudy but pleasant. Caught a porpoise from which Steward made a host of balls. Had some of them for supper. Went well. Lat. $36^{\circ}30'$ Long $47^{\circ}09'$.

Jan 28. Sunday

Morning stiff breezes from S. E. At 10 A. M. took in E sail. Topsails being already reefed. A change in the wind to S. W. at 1 P. M. and it began to lull. To night weather moderate but sea rugged. Lat. $39^{\circ}40'$ Long $45^{\circ}24'$.

Jan 29.

High winds continue and cloudy weather still under short sail. This morning saw a sail steering nearly S. E. After dinner spoke her. She was the Ship Mercury Capt. Diamond. Of Cape Henry. Bound to New Bedford. I sent a couple of letters on board for her. Lat. $38^{\circ}23'$ Long $45^{\circ}17'$.