

Remarks on Board the ship James Fenwick of New
Wednesday September the 16th 1868

This day commenced with strong winds from the W. the ship heading South we employed turning the fore top mast back stays at 4 pm finished at sunset took in the fore & mizen top sails & double reefed the main top sail the ship heading South under double reefed main top sail & fore sail fore top stay sail & main top sail the wind still fresh middle part still blowing fresh at 9 am wore ship the east still employed at the back stay, latter part blowing moderate gale so ends this day

Thursday September the 17th

This day commenced with moderate gales still employed at the top mast back stay, at sunset more moderate the ship still heading to the east middle part moderate gale, at daylight commenced on the back stay, at 10 am set fore & mizen top sail, saw nothing so ends this day

Friday September the 18th

This day commenced with strong wind, & gale the ship heading W. S. W. still employed on the ship duty, at sunset took in the main sail & fore sail still strong winds & heavy clouds still heading to the West by the wind middle part still strong wind, & gale at daylight set fore & main top sails & set mizen top gallant sail & steered W. by the ship still employed on the ship duty so ends this day

Bedford in the Pacific Ocean looking for sperm
Whales

Saturday September the 19th 1868

This day commenced with fresh winds from the E. & from the East the weather very cloudy & hazy the ship steering W. by the ship several fore & back still employed on the ship rigging & sp line flying fore stay at sunset took in the sail all but double reefed main top sail & fore sail fore top stay sail & main top sail & reefed to the wind heading S. E. middle part still strong winds at daylight set fore & mizen top sails & kept off White & turn the reefs out of main top sail the weather very cloudy & thick & rain at 11 am took in the mizen top sail still blowing on so ends this day

Sunday September the 20th

at first part strong winds & heading rain & very thick double reefed the main top sail & took in the fore top sail still blowing fresh gale at 4 pm took in fore sail at 5 pm double reefed the main top sail the gale from the East the ship heading North under double reefed main top sail & fore top stay sail & main top sail middle part still fresh gale at daylight more moderate turn one reef out of the main top sail still laying to so ends this day

Monday September the 21st

This day commenced with moderate gale from the East at 1 pm set fore & mizen top sail, & fore sail at 4 pm took them in again at sunset the weather a bit the same middle part still strong winds at daylight set fore & mizen top sail, & fore sail latter part still strong winds saw nothing so ends this day