

Journal of a voyage on board Ship Jasper from Fairhaven

Remarks on board Saturday December the 21st

Commences with moderate breezes from N steering
E S E with thick weather saw a Barque heading E by S
Middle and latter part strong breezes very hazy
Lat 39.35 S Long 63.05 E

Remarks on board Sunday December the 22nd

Commences with strong winds from N steering
E S E took in J G sails and single reefed the
Topsail very thick weather at 12 M the wind shifted
to W and still haled to the S E heading of to N E
With a rain storm and a heavy swell from N
Lat 39.00 Long 64.00 E by D R

Remarks on board Monday December the 23rd

Commences with strong breezes from S E to E S E
Heading from E S E to N E with light rain at 6 calm
Middle and latter part fresh breezes from N N E
Steering E by S with thick rainy weather
Lat 38.01 S Long 67.47 E

Remarks on board Tuesday December the 24th

Commences with light breezes from N steering E S E
With a rain storm middle and latter part strong
Winds took in fore and main J G sails
Lat by D R 38.10 S Long 72.50 E

Remarks on board Wednesday December the 25th

Commences with moderate breezes from N steering
E S E with much rain at 4 P M wind at W middle
And latter part light winds from S E heading E S E
with rain and fog saw one Sail
Lat 37.25 S Long 74.15 E

Remarks on board Thursday December the 26th

Commences with calm and foggy weather middle
And latter part light breezes from W N W steering
From S E to E S E with pleasant weather
Lat 37.53 S Long 77.01 E

Bound towards New Zealand Howland Seavitt master 1839

Remarks on board Friday December the 27th

Commences with moderate breezes from W N W
Steering E S E middle part steering S E half E at 5 P M
Saw the Island of St Pauls bearing E by N distance 35
Miles at 9 P M saw the Island of Amsterdam bearing
S E distance 20 mile
Lat 38.27 S Long 78.30 E

Remarks on board Saturday December the 28th

Commences with strong winds from W steering S E by E
Middle and latter part strong gales took in main J Sail
And mainsail and jib at 10 P M set the 1st J Sail
Lat 39.00 S Long 82.48 E

Remarks on board Sunday December the 29th

Commences with strong winds from N W steering S E by E
Middle and latter part wind from S W to S E W
Lat 39.39 S Long 86.05 E

Remarks on board Monday December the 30th

Commences with strong breezes from S by W steering
S E by E half E with clear weather middle and latter
Part strong breezes from W took in J G sails and
set them again at 6 P M set the Studdington Sails
Lat 39.36 S Long 90.37 E

Remarks on board Tuesday December the 31st

Commences with strong winds from W steering S E by E
Pooling her keel out both sides middle and latter
Strong gales took in the main J Sail and double reefed
Topsails and furled the main sail and jib
Lat 40.08 S Long 94.53 E

Remarks on board Wednesday January the 1st 1840

Commences with strong gales from W steering E S E
Middle part the same latter part steering S E by E
At day light set the main and main J G sails
And main topsail close reefed
Lat 40.17 S Long 97.13 E