

On Board Ship Leonidas

Tuesday December 22nd 1840

First part lively breezes from SSE to South Middle & later unsteady breezes squally & light showers Steered to SSE by the wind but no whales Latitude 31° 36'

Wednesday 23rd Long at 2° 38' P.M. Chs 107° 49'

First part lively breezes from SSE & Middle squally later strong breezes from WSW squally & light showers Steered SE under 9 sails Latitude 32° 30'

Thursday 24th Long at 3° 30' P.M. Chs 107° 45'

First & middle of these 24 hours fresh gales from WSW to SW Steered to SSE & under Double & C reefs later moderate from South to SSE overcast & high swell from SW turned out all reefs saw 4 shoal of porpoises

Friday 25th No observation

All these 24 hours light breezes from South to SSE & overcast Steered to the Eastward at sunset took in sail & stood boats crew watches later light air & calm took in Mast boats to repair & new gunwale saw grampages put another boat on the cranes Latitude 33° 21'

Saturday 26th Long at 3 P.M. Chs 112° 49'

First part of these 24 hours light breezes from WSW & fine middle fresh later strong from SW & flying clouds Steered to South & E by the wind under Double reefs at 7 P.M. spoke ship Hercules in rain 5 months out from Bedford 4 bbls of oil & fine papers & no letters I am greatly disappointed Latitude 33° 55'

Sunday 27th Long at 3 P.M. Chs 113° 24'

Commences with fresh gales from SW Steered to SE under Double reefs at 5 took in sail strong gales & squally later more moderate set Double reefs at 10 wore ship to SW at high swell Latitude 34° 00'

Cruising off N Coast of Holland

Monday Dec 28-1840

First & middle of these 24 hours fresh breezes from SSE & overcast later moderate breezes set all sail Steered to SW So ends another day & now whales all well Latitude 34° 32'

Tuesday 29th Long at 3 P.M. Chs 112° 52'

First part lively breezes from South at 2 P.M. tacked to SSE middle fresh from SSE later strong set Double reefs at 6 wore ship to SW So ends sea rough Latitude 34° 44'

Wednesday 30th Long at 3 P.M. Chs 112° 52'

First & middle fresh gales from SSE flying clouds later moderate breezes from SE to SSE Steered to SW under all sail saw 4 ship to windward cutting supposed her to be the John Adams Latitude 35° 44'

Thursday 31st Long at 3 P.M. Chs 112° 13'

All these 24 hours light winds from SE to SW & fine weather at 4 P.M. tacked to East later Steered to SSE & overcast watch employed in setting up main rigging So ends saw the John Adams sailing Latitude 35° 29'

Friday January 1st 1841 Long at 3 P.M. Chs 111° 45'

First part lively breezes from SW & fine Steered to the westward at sunset saw the John Adams take 4 whale along side but saw no others later strong breezes & rough sea saw 4 shoal of whales hauled truck & dined & parted from the 3rd at 10 P.M. took them along side So ends all hands employed in cutting Latitude about 35° 10'

Long about 111° 00'

