

Nov 1. 1861

2 lbs Beef

2 lbs Pork
1 Reg Butter

Remarks on Board of Ship Mariner of the Bedford

This day would comprise the time we have been at anchor at Niles. passage to Cuba lying off & on. there 5 days passage to Miami lying off & on 2 days. We got food and water. Potatoes, fresh Beef, Beans, Publishing. Some Onions & various other things such as Sugar, Syrup a few Ham, Orange. We discharged five men, lost three by desertion. Shipped a third mate & 4 boatstewards boatstewards and the foremast hands and left in company with the Florida Capt. Fisher. Sold 2 lbs oil Shipra 6300 lbs of Bone & traded codfish

Friday November 22nd 1861. at 4 P.M. Steered S. E. with a fresh breeze. Middle part the same. Latter part employed in stowing anchors and chains. & fully fresh breeze Florida in company. Mr. Mead of the Hooker. 2 lbs Beef

Sat. by Obs 21.47 N. Long by Chs 159.36 W. Saturday Nov 23rd. Continues fresh breeze with the boat ready for whaling and various other jobs. Steering by the wind S. E. Middle part strong breeze. Latter part strong breeze & cloudy with showers of rain. Employed repairing jib & c. Florida in sight. heading South

Sat. by Obs 18.56 N. Long by Chs 159.07 W. Sunday Nov 24th. Commences strong breeze heading to the Southward. Middle and Latter part light breeze heading to the S. W. Florida

Sat. by Obs 17.26 W. Long by Chs 160.08 W. Monday Nov 25th. Light breeze first part of this day heading to the South. Middle and Latter part heading to the Eastward. Watches employed in various jobs. Painting S. E.

Sat. by Obs 17.08 N. Long by Chs 159.40 W. Opened 3 lbs Pork & 1 Reg Butter

Henry Eldridge Master Cruising

Tuesday Nov 26th 1861 is Light breeze and hazy heading to the Eastward. Middle and Latter part squally with showers of rain heading various ways. Florida in sight. No Obs.

Wednesday Nov 27th. Continues squally & rainier. Middle part much the same. Latter part moderate breeze heading to the South. Watches variously employed. Mr. Mead still off duty. Florida

Sat. by Obs 15.35 N. Long by Chs 159.00 W. Thursday Nov 28th. Moderate breeze the first part of this day heading to the Southward. Sold the run around trap by auction. Middle and Latter part moderate breeze steering to the Southward. Saw Blackbird. Covered 4 Boats. No luck. So ends this day.

Sat. by Obs 15.45 N. Long by Chs 159.23 W. Friday Nov 29th. Continues moderate breeze steering by the wind to the Southward. Middle and Latter part moderate breeze steering S. E. Watches variously employed. Making new boat sails. Sprungam & various other jobs. Sent two Fly gills

Sat. by Obs 15.55 W. Long by Chs 159.15 W. Saturday Nov 30th. Continues fresh breeze steering S. E. Middle and Latter part the same. Steering S. E. Employed in various jobs. Florida in sight. Mr. Mead still off duty.

Sat. by Obs 15.36 W. Sunday December 1st. Continues fine weather and gentle breeze steering S. E. Middle and Latter part much the same. No Obs.

Monday Dec 2nd. Commences light breeze steering S. E. 2 P.M. Spoke the Florida Middle and Latter part squally & Rainy. Mr. Mead still off duty. Sat. by Obs 8.10 N. Long by Chs 158.25 W.