Journal of a Whale Voyage from P.Town & elsewhere.
Capt William Dyer, Master Kept by J. W[illegible] on board the Medford

February Wednesday the 7th sea accl. (F.N.) 1842

At 10 A.M. got underweigh in Provincetown Harbour & stood out to sea, with wind from South & smoking very thick. at 6 P.M. took the wind from West with squally & got in Main Pit & Topgallant sail & kept the ship S.E. Lat 10 P.M. set Topgallant sail, wind N.W. at 12. Night calm & smoking fast & continuing to snow the whole day. at 4 P.M. took wind from N.E. & fine the Moonset so ends this day 5 men off duty besides 2d Mate & one Boat steer. at 12 no obs.

February Thursday the 8th sea accl 1842

All this 24 hours fresh gales from N.E. ship steering S.S.E. frequent snow squalls. At 4 P.M. took in single reef Mainsail very heavy sea running from N.E. at 8 P.M. took in the Main sail, at 2 A.M. washed off both quarter Boats & stove them bad, called all hands & took them in. no obs. to day, Lat by Dead Reckoning 37.44 N. Lon by L.R. 67.44

Feb. Friday the 9th sea accl. 1842

First part this day light breezes from the east & South West, first part heavy gales from South West & very squally with frequent heavy rains. ship running South. at 6 P.M. took in flying jib Topgallant sail single reef Topsail & Main sail & kept the ship S.E. fast. at 4 A.M. took in jib, topsail & forecast & set Spencer, at 4 A.M. set stay sail & took in Spencer & fore topsail & hove to under the main sail & wore South West so ends this day, ship making large quantities of water

Feb Saturday 10th sea accl 1842

All this 24 hours heavy gales from N.W. at 12 Noon spoke the ship off P.S.E. & set closed reef fore top sail, wind having shifted Round with a squall at 4 set Spencer & single reef fore, at 2 A.M. took in closed reef top & Spencer & called all hands to free the ship. having shipped a heavy sea, at 4 A.M. set the fore sail, at 11 got a fire in the Galley first time for 2 days. at 12 Lat by obs 33.40 D.R. 33.48 so ends this day

February Saturday 12th sea accl 1842

All this 24 hours heavy gale from N.W. ship running off S.E. so ends. Closed reef top & foresail, at 2 P.M. took in topsail & foresail & hove the ship to the winds Storm trysail, blowing very heavy Gale of wind, at 6 kept the ship off S.E. again & set foresail at 8 set close reef top, at 10 P.M. set whole sail moderate down very fast. at 12 took the wind from south W. to day no obs, so ends the day

Feb Monday 13th, sea accl. 1842

First part this day fresh breze from S.W. Last part heavy Gale from South, at 2 P.M. have the again under storm trysail Lat 10 P.M. set top & spencer & running ahead ship making good deal of water obliged to cut holes in bulwarks to free the ship. at 12 Lat 35.20 N. Lon 60.20

Feb. Tuesday 14th sea accl 1842

Heavy gale the whole 24 hours from S.W. ship lying to under Storm trysail, heading E.S.E. at 4 P.M. shipped a heavy sea & stove bulwarks fore & aft & stove waist Boat, all the Boats stove but stern Boat at 6 P.M. took wind from West with a squall Lat to day not ascertained Lon 59.00 so ends this

Feb. Wednesday the 15 sea accl. 1842

First part heavy gales from N.W. & very heavy sea running from S.W. at 1 P.M. kept the ship of South, wind shifting with a squall from S.W. & S.W. set sail. Last part more moderate & more pleasant, so ends this day, mended Starboard Boat & put it on the cranes so ends this day 2 men very sick. Lat at 12 33.21 N. Lon 60.00

Feb. Thursday the 16th sea accl 1842

All this 24 hours Light breezes from N.W. & pleasant, ship running South by speed, till 12 P.M. when we took wind from South, at 4 P.M. set sail, at 12 Lat to day at 12 30 N. 24 N. so ends all hands employed in

Feb Friday the 17th sea accl 1842

Light breezes from Southward, first part the day Last part, made moderate with plenty of rain, at 7 P.M. took a squall from S. took in main & M topmast stay sail & split topgallant sail. & furled flying jib at 8 A.M. split Main jib & pieces & unbent it & set it in at 8 A.M. more moderate & set stay sail, & flying jib in. the end of the day 2 men sick one with Hernia & finished Starboard Boat, so ends this &c.