Remarks on board Brig Medford

September the 7 the sea and 1849

Light & baffling winds from the Southwestward & sailing, saw a school of Grampuses, at 4 P.M. caught & albacore at 7 P.M. bent the foresail & took in main & tacked ship to the N. & W. at 5 A.M. took the point from the N. & steered S. & W. at 12 m. Lat 38.20 Lon 59.30 W.

September the 8th sea and 1849

Fine breeze & light airs from the N. with a little rain all hands employed in setting up the back stays, at 2 P.M. tore in sail & steered S.S.W. at 5 A.M. set all sail wind from N.E. & S.E. & rainy at 10 A.M. put larboard Boat & steerage Watch for misdemeanor at 12 m. Lat 32.25 Lon 40.15 W. hands employed in setting up rigging, &c.

September the 9th sea and 1849

Light winds from & squally from E. & S.S.E with rain & a very heavy sea from North, at 6 P.M. furled the Main sail & steered W.N.W. at 12 Last night squalls of rain at 12 noon in Lat. 32.32 N. Lon. not ascertained, hands employed in setting up the Main rigging seven this 24 hours.

September the 10th sea and 1849

Light & baffling winds & squalls with heavy rains steered the ship W. by N. at 6 P.M. set spare fore top gallant sail for Lower Studding Sail, took fresh breeze from South East steering W. by North Lat 5.19 N. at 8 P.M. saw a squall of wind & rain from S.E. at 12 Lat 32.32 Lon 41.53 W.

September the 11th sea and 1849

First part this day light winds from South ward & westerly, with a very heavy sea from N.E. Last part heavy Gale from S.S.W. took a squall at 2 P.M. & hove to full sail but cleared reef topsail & forem staysail & set Trysail at 12 P.M. in moderate heavy squall of rain, so ends this Day D.B. observation

September the 12th sea and 1849

First part this day light winds from E. & Thawy & clear, set all sail the S.W. at 4 P.M. bulls down the mainyard, slight very heavy wind light & heavy sea at 6 P.M. light wind from N.E. at 12 calm Lat 32.20 saw a Barque bound Eastward hands employed on the rigging, so ends the day D.C.

of & from Provincetown William Ayres Master

September the 13th the sea and 1849

Calm all the first part of this day, a large Barque in sight bound Eastward, hands employed all day on the rigging, at 8 P.M. lowered the Larboard Boat for a Fish but did not Lat at 12 30.19 Lon 25.23.

September the 14th sea and 1849

First part this day by light airs from N. W. & N. ship standing to W.N.W. all hands employed in ships work. Last part Calm & rainy, to day painted Lifts & set up fore rigging on the board side. Large ship in sight Homward Westward bound.

September the 15th sea and 1849

First part this 24 hours Calm & stormy with light airs baffling at 6 P.M. took light breeze from S.W. ship still in sight to Eastward last part fine breeze from N.E. kept the ship N.W. at 12 Lat 30.57 Lon 41.41. Loosens the day saw some Grampuses, all hands painting ship

September the 16th sea and 1849

First part of this 24 hours Fine breeze from N.E. all hands employed in painting ship ship running N.W. by W. till 6 P.M. when we steered W. N.W. at 8 P.M. calm, at 10 P.M. fine wind from N.E. steered W.N.W. at 11 set Trysail for top studding sail spare topgallant for spare shift at 12 Lat 30.56 Lon not ascertained all hands employed in painting & rigging &c.

September the 17 sea and 1849

First part this 24 hours, light & pleasant Gale the last at 5 & 6 P.M. calm with rain at 8 parted Lack rope & main reef reefed & set it & took a reef in Cross jack. N.E. & set trysail for top studding sail at 2 A.M. more wind squally at 4 main took in Stud sail at 4 hove in Starboard boat at 6 hoisted in Topgallant sail & Main sail & at 8 hoisted topsail & set trysail & fore sail at 12 saw squalls with rain at 12 saw observed ship sailed about N.W. average 6 & 7 knots per hour. Heavy gale from S.W.

September the 18th, & round to N.E. wore ship to S.W. at 8 P.M. & whole topsail fell Main sail mended & set again Lat at 12 31.56 Lon 58.13 from which I take my Departure.