

## Remarks on Board Brig Medford 1850.

Sunday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1850 On the Stem Ground

These twenty four hours, begins with light breeze from the east by south, steering by the wind, to the northward, a full rigged brig, to the seaward of us call her a whaler, took in sail at sunset, heading north north east, last part, wind from the S.E. saw grampus & porpoises, the island of St. Michael's in sight, bearing N.W. distant 30 miles.

Monday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1850

Came in with a light breeze from the eastward heading north east at 3 o'clock ~~the~~ wore ship heading to the southward and eastward at sunset hauled up the foresail and hauled the yards aback at sunrise braced forward, and made sail with the wind south east steering south west saw a barque steering to the northward and eastward.

Tuesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1850

Begins with the wind from the eastward, steering S.W. by West, saw three vessels steering to the northward & eastward at 12<sup>PM</sup> brought her to the wind, heading north west by west at 6<sup>PM</sup> tacked ship, to the southward, at sunset took in sail in the morning, made sail, with a very light breeze from the south east, saw a ship, to the leeward of us, saw grampus.

Wednesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1850

Commences with a light breeze from the eastward, hove to at sunset, heading E by North, St. Mary's bearing N.W. by West, made sail in the morning, with the wind, N. West, and run off to the eastward, at 9<sup>AM</sup> wore ship, and stood to the westward, had a general break out, and found we had wood enough to last but one month, three vessels in sight.

Thursday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1850

Come in with a light breeze from the N. West, heading W. by West, hove to at sunset, the isle of St. Mary's bearing N. West by north, thirty miles distant, made sail in the morning, with a good breeze from W. by N. steering W. by West, at 9<sup>AM</sup> kept off S. West, Lat 35.53

Friday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Came in with a good breeze from N. N. West, steering W. by West, at 2<sup>PM</sup> tacked ship, and kept her S.E. hove to at sunset, heading East, pursued eight vessels bound to the westward, made sail in the morning, with the wind to the N.E. and cloudy, running N. N. West, saw porpoises

Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1850.

These twenty four hours, begin with a good breeze from the N. East running W. N. West, saw grampus, hove to at sunset, heading north west, made sail in the morning, with the wind S.E. running north, at 9<sup>AM</sup> kept her off W. N. West, saw barques in the morning, suppose they were grampus. Lat 36.07

## While Cruising on The Stem Ground.

Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Came in with a good breeze from the S.E. running by the wind, spoke the French brig, Douline, of Nantes from Rio Janeiro, for Cadix, three months out, short of provisions supplied her with Bread, & Oil, saw a school of black fish gave chase, but could not get on, hove to at sunset, to the West in the morning wore ship to the eastward.

Long 25.57 Lat 36.07

Monday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1850.

These twenty four hours, begins with a good breeze from the S.E. hove to, to the eastward, saw black fish, at 6<sup>PM</sup> wore ship and stood to the West, made sail in the morning, heading West by North, saw porpoises at 11<sup>AM</sup>, tacked ship, and headed S.E.

Long 26.00 Lat 35.43

Tuesday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Come in strong breeze from the S. West, heading S. E. saw porpoises hove to at sunset, heading S.E. made sail in the morning, with the wind S. West, blowing fresh heading West by North, at 10<sup>AM</sup> reefed the topsail & mainsail,

Lat 35.23 Long 25.57

Wednesday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Come in with strong breeze, and heavy squalls, from the Westward at one o'clock close reefed the topsail, at two <sup>PM</sup> furled foresail, and topmast stay sail, closed up the topsail, and set the topsail, at 4<sup>PM</sup> it moderated, set topsail, foresail & stay sail, wore ship, heading S. West, in the morning, set close reefed topsail & foresail, and kept her off S. E. at 10<sup>AM</sup> came to again, heading north by East, a heavy sea running.

Lat 35.24

Thursday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1850.

These twenty four hours, begin with a strong breeze from N. W. by West, attended with heavy rain squalls, took in topsail & foresail, several times and set them again, hove to all the first part, made all sail in the morning, with a moderate breeze from the northward, heading E by South, saw an English brig & ship.

Lat 35.56

Friday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Come in with a light breeze from the northward, heading south south east, a little while before sunset, saw something blue and make white water, but it was so late could do nothing, hove to at sunset, under short sail, a brig in sight to the leeward, made sail in the morning, with the wind N. E. blowing quite fresh, heading E by South.

Lat 36.39