

Remarks on Board Brig Medford 1850

Friday Oct 25th 1850

This day commences with a strong breeze from the northward, heading East, took in sail at sunset, made all sail in the morning, heading to the eastward, with pleasant weather, saw porpoises.

Lat 31.54

Saturday Oct 26th 1850

These twenty four hours, begin with a moderate breeze from N.E. steering S.E. took in sail at sunset, made all sail in the morning, with a light breeze from the northward steering East, saw grampuses.

Sunday Oct 27th 1850 Lat 31.39

Comes in with light breezes & calm, heading to the eastward, took in sail at sunset, heading East by South, in the morning, set the gib, heading S.E. with pleasant weather.

Lat 31=20 N

Monday Oct 28th 1850

Comes in with a fine breeze from the north east, and pleasant weather, heading S.E. made short sail in the morning with a strong breeze and rain squalls from the eastward, heading S.E.

Long 18=30 W Lat 30=08 N

Tuesday Oct 29th 1850

This day comes in with a strong breeze from the N.E. attended by rain squalls, steering S.E. at 4 P.M. brought her to the wind, heading S.E. hove to at sunset, under short sail, made sail in the morning, with a strong breeze from the N.E. at 10 A.M. saw the island of Palma, one of the Canaries bearing S.W. 25 miles distant.

Lat 29.03

Wednesday Oct 30th 1850

This day comes in with a strong breeze from the N.E. at 1 o'clock P.M. saw the Peak of Teneriffe, bearing S.W. distant 25 miles, at 3 P.M. saw the island of Gomera, bearing S.W. distant 20 miles, hove to at sunset, heading S.E. made sail in the morning and steered down between Teneriffe & Gomera, saw a topsail schooner.

Thursday Oct 31st 1850

These twenty four hours, comes in with variable winds & calm, steering South, hove to at sunset heading S.W. saw the island of Ferro bearing W by S. 30 miles, made sail in the morning with a light breeze from the northward steering South, latter part calm.

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Friday Nov 1st 1850 Coast of Africa

First part calm at 2 P.M. there sprung up a good breeze from the N.E. steering South took in sail at sunset heading S.E. made sail in the morning steering South with the N.E. trades blowing fresh

Long 16=25 Lat 26.37

Saturday Nov 2nd 1850

Comes in with strong N.E. trades, steering S.W. shortened sail at sunset, steering S.W. made sail in the morning, with a fine breeze and pleasant weather, saw finbacks

Sunday Nov 3rd 1850

Comes in fine breeze and pleasant weather, steering S.W. at 2 o'clock P.M. saw a large school of sperm whales, going to the leeward, covered away and struck one and killed her took her alongside, made shore for the rest, but could not come up with them, this morning commenced cutting in, finished at 12 o'clock with wind from the north east

Monday Nov 4th 1850

Comes in with a fine breeze from the N.E. heading South, cleared up the decks, and started the works, wore ship this morning at 4 o'clock, and stood to the northward & westward, a booby was on soundings, the water looked discolored, saw cow fish.

Tuesday Nov 5th 1850

Comes in with a light breeze from the N.E. heading North, still trying out our whale, finished trying out our whale this morning, & set the topsail & gib, and hove off S.W. with a light breeze from the north east.

Long by D.R. 16=20 Lat 24=23

Wednesday Nov 6th 1850

Comes in with a light breeze from the north east and pleasant weather began to stow down our oil at 5 P.M. finished it stowed down 24 barrels took in sail at sunset made sail this morning steering W.S.W. with the wind to the eastward

Lat 23.42

Begins

Thursday Nov 7th 1850

with a good breeze from the Eastward running W.S.W. towards sunset it was quite moderate took in sail this day made all sail steering S.W. with a fine breeze from the Eastward and fine weather saw black fish & porpoises

Long 19.25 Lat 22=5.2