

Remarks on board Brig Medford AD 1850

Friday Nov 8th 1850

This day comes in with a moderate breeze from the East South East steering South West saw finbacks porpoises light to at sunset made sail in the morning heading South saw a schooner called her a whaler

Lon 9=26 Lat 21=50

Saturday Nov 9th 1850

Comes in with a good breeze from the north east at 4 Pm spoke the Schooner Charles Allburn of Provincetown eight months out clean at 12 o'clock light off S.W. under short sail made sail in the morning steering South saw the schooner to the windward saw porpoises

Lon 19=20 Lat 20=12

Sunday Nov 10th 1850

This day comes in with a good breeze from the North East and cloudy weather steering S.W. carried sail all night steering to the S.W. until 2 o'clock this morning then hauled up W.S.W. saw porpoises and a full rigged brig standing to the eastward

Lat 18=30 Lon 21=10

Monday Nov 11th 1850

There twenty four hours come in with a good breeze from the N.E. steering S.W. with fine weather saw porpoises run all night S.W. wind & weather in the morning the same as last night saw a whaling barque steering S.W.

Lat 17.47 Lon 22=00

Tuesday Nov 12th 1850

Comes in with a good breeze from the N.E. but cloudy steering West by North at 7 Pm spoke the barque Sarah of Mattapoisett two months out clean light of at ten o'clock steering West at 10 o'clock Am saw the island of Bonavista bearing W.S.W. distant 20 miles at 11 Am saw the isle of St bearing N.W. distant 25 miles steered west between them in company with the Sarah

L. 16.54 Lon 22.45

Wednesday Nov 13th 1850

Comes in with a good breeze from the N.E. steered W by North all night in the morning saw the island of St Nicholas bearing S.W. distant 6 miles saw the Sarah to the windward at 10 o'clock saw the islands of Branca and Rara & St Lucia

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Thursday Nov 14th 1850

Comes in with a light breeze from the N.E. running West at 1 Pm saw the Island of St Vincent run by our port and had to beat back all night came to an anchor in St Vincent in 4 fathoms of water three barques and a schooner in here at 8 o'clock the starboard watch went ashore on liberty the rest getting ready to paint ship this is a fine harbour sheltered from all winds on the West side of the island the entrance is known by a large rock in the middle the course is S.E.

Friday Nov 15th 1850

Still at anchor in St Vincent the brig Orelia of New Bedford anchored here last night 2 months out clean the barboard watch on shore the starboard filling water

Saturday Nov 16th 1850

Still at anchor in St Vincent the starboard watch on liberty the barboard watch filling water and painting ship got a case of Broad out of the barque Sarah and some slops for the men

Sunday Nov 17th 1850

Comes in with a good breeze from the N.E. still at anchor filling water making slow work of it on account of the well giving out the Sarah sailed this Pm the crew come on board sober & steady the barboard watch went ashore this morning on liberty

Monday Nov 18th 1850

Still at anchor in St Vincent the Starboard Watch on liberty this morning three men broke their liberty John Carson, Joseph Clarke & Daniel Johnson at work today getting off water and fixing the main cross of mast rigging the barge Samuel & Thomas of Mattapoisett anchored here last evening

Tuesday Nov 19th 1850

Still lying at anchor a good breeze off the bow but cloudy got of our last raft of water this morning all hands at work storing the hold and getting off wood

Wednesday Nov 20th 1850

Finished storing our hold and got all our wood aboard at 8 o'clock got underway and left the harbour of St Vincent with a good breeze from the N.E. we got 60 bbls of water 3 cords of wood 10 bushels of Potatoes 1000 oranges and bricks & lime for the dry docks but all night this morning we was off the East point of St Vincent. tacked ship and stood to the Southern & Eastward