

Remarks on Board Brig Medford 1850

Wednesday, Dec 4th 1850. Cruising On Porpoise Bank
This day comes in with a fine breeze from the north east standing back & back between St. Antonio and St. Nicholas in company with the Lagrange & Leonidas saw porpoises

Thursday Dec 5th 1850
Comes in with a light breeze from the north east beating to the westward. saw the Leonidas this morning. stood to the Eastward all night. tacked ship this morning. heading North. tacked again at 10 o'clock. heading S by South, saw porpoises.

Friday Dec 6th 1850 Long 24=05.
This day comes in with a good breeze from the north east standing to the Eastward at 8 PM St. Nicholas bore S.W. distant 12 miles at 2 o'clock made the island of Sol tacked ship to the North at 10 tacked again saw porpoises

Saturday Dec 7th 1850
Comes in with a fine breeze from the north east beating up the west side of Sol at 3 PM saw a school of Black fish lowered away the starboard boat got fast but down at 7 PM tacked ship to the Eastward at 4 PM passed a full rigged brig this morning saw humpbacks & porpoises

Sunday Dec 8th 1850 Lat 16=42 Lon 22=12
This day comes in & ends with a fine breeze from the NNE heading to the S by South with fine weather saw humpbacks & porpoises Lon 21=33. Lat 17=35

Monday Dec 9th 1850 Lat 17=13 Lon No Obs
This day begins with light breezes from the north east stood to the northward under all sail at 6 PM tacked ship to the South east this morning fine weather but more breeze

Tuesday Dec 10th 1850 Lat 17=13
This day comes in with a light breeze from the eastward heading S by E. saw porpoises ends the wind the same very much fresh in weather at work repairing our old mainsail

Wednesday Dec 11th 1850 Lat 17=05
This day comes in with a light breeze from the north east standing to the South east at 4 PM tacked ship at sunset took in sail and hove to heading S by E. at 11 AM spoke with the Brig America of Nantucket 8 months out with 200 barrels sperm at 4 PM Lat 19=58

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Thursday Dec 12th 1850 Porpoise Bank
This day comes in with a fine breeze from the NE standing to the northward and westward saw finbacks and a barge & brig hove to at sunset made sail this morning with a strong breeze from the north east and squally at 5 AM tacked ship to the Southward & eastward this morning Capt Dyer put Daniel Johnson the Cook in the rigging and gave him a dozen lashes with a piece of Rattan staff for vulgar and abusive language to the Second Mate.

Long 19=41 Lat 17=33

Friday Dec 13th 1850 Lat 16=57
These twenty four hours come in with a strong breeze from the north east heading to the south east. at sunset took in sail made short sail this morning with strong breeze and cloudy weather a heavy swell from the N West. saw humpbacks. black fish. cow fish. porpoises. at 3 PM tacked ship to the northward & westward

Saturday Dec 14th 1850 Lat 17=27
This day comes in with a strong breeze from the north east heading to the Southward and Eastward at 3 PM tacked to the northward & westward took in sail at sunset rose ship at 12 o'clock. this morning set the girt single reefed topsail & try sail a heavy sea from the northward saw humpbacks & squid

Sunday Dec 15th 1850 Lat 17=13
This day comes in with a strong breeze from the north east headed to the Northward & westward under single reefed topsail and storm try sail hove to at sunset heading S by E Lat 19=07. Lat 17=13

Monday Dec 16th 1850
This day comes in with a strong Breeze from the Eastward heading S by E. at 12 o'clock rose ship to the northward & Eastward made sail this morning & kept off N. West by West saw humpback. blackfish & Grampius

Long 19=55 Lat 17=14

Tuesday Dec 17th 1850
These twenty four hours come in with a strong breeze from the N East steering N West by West brought hove to at sunset heading S by E made sail this morning and kept off S West with a strong breeze and a heavy sea.

Lon 20=55. Lat 16=35