

Saturday Nov 7th

Commenced with fresh breeze from N by E, heading S by W all sail set, St 9 raised anchors on the lee beam, shifted off for them and closed them on board, to the Commodore, they proved to be 3 French frigates, passed close by us, steering to the S. After checking the whole by the wind, heading S, S W, St 3 fell wind hauled aback, rain squally, headed S by E, St 4 fell sail, the topmast standing sail and, other hoist. Wind S. Watch employed in the rigging, Carpenter mending the skylight to the Cabin so as to get it for the compass, Cooper & Black Smith to work at their trades.

Lat 37, 45, 30 Long 74, 45, 14

Sunday Nov 8th

Light wind from S by E and fine weather, steering S by E, all sail set, saw nothing through the day, nothing doing on board, crew came out in clean clothes, I wish the wind would blow up for I am in a hurry to get along to the South.

Lat 37, 49, 46 Long 74, 45, 46

Monday Nov 9th

First part of the day light breeze from S W and fair weather, heading S by E all sail set, broke the main hatch out and tried to float the tank forward, after cutting away the end of a keel and part of a stanchion we got forward a little but did not finish, we shall have to haul it up to the Chace later and let it remain. St 2 fell wind rose and laid aback to St 4, St 4 to haul the tank towards midships, St 4 now aback, heading S wind fresh from W S W, saw a sack off the lee beam, Coopered some cash of bread and stowed it back, we pulled a lot of oranges and pears from the Melasses and put them in 2 Kegs for use.

Lat 37, 45, 11 Long 74, 30

Tuesday Nov 10th

Strong wind from S W and breeze, weather clear for the first part, heading S by E, Watch employed in hauling the tank forward and stowing back, carrying reefed topsails, St 4 fell wind hauled to S by W, squally with rain, fore and main heading W, fore and main aback and St 4, saw 3 sail, English S. through the evening.

Lat 37, 45, 18 Long 74, 32, 20

Wednesday Nov 11th

Commenced with strong gale from S S W and very squally weather, and heavy thunder and lightning throughout the day, heading W until 12 M, then S W by W, St 2 fell, were drawn, heading S by E, carrying close reefed topsails, burst the foremast, the foresail up for the foremast, a big swell coming from S W, course looking weather, thunder and sharp lightning, very violent, felled the short fore & Mizzen gallant masts to land aloft, saw the lightning strike the water close by the ship and made the ship tremble.

Thursday Nov 12th

Fresh gale from S S W and squally weather, heading W, carrying close reefed topsails and the foresail between the masts, saw a gam of black fish, employed in getting the short Mizzen gallant mast to go aloft, and repairing the fore.

Lat 37, 46, 52 Long 74, 24, 14