

Ship Montpelier from Bedford Bound to Towards the Western Islands

September the 28th

Begins with light winds from N.W. ship steering E.S.E. all hands employed in fitting boats and rigging middle part strong wind from S.E. concludes with a gale from S.W. with thunder and lightning and plenty of rain thus ends

September the 29th

Begins strong wind and squally from S.W. with thunder and lightning and plenty of rain middle part more moderate concludes with a strong breeze steering E.S.E. under double topsails

September the 30th

Begins strong gale from S.W. steering E.S.E. under double reef topsails and courses middle part much the same concludes more moderate set turn the reef out of the top sails and set the main top gale sail thus ends

September the 1st 1854

Begins with a fine breeze from N.W. steering E.S.E. with all sail set all hands employed in ships duty middle and latter part the same thus ends

October the 2nd

Begins with strong wind from N.W. steering E.S.E. with all sail set middle part double reef the topsails concludes much the same with some rain

October the 3rd

Begins strong winds from N.W. steering S.E. by E. under double reef topsails and courses middle part the same at 9 A.M. saw a schooner

Bottom up lowered the boats thinking it to be a sperm whale ends fine weather all sail set

October the 4th

Begins pleasant weather with a fine breeze from N.W. steering E.S.E. by E. carrying all sail at 5 A.M. saw a ship steering to the eastward latter part fine weather all hands employed in ships duty building potato pens &c. thus ends

October the 5th

Begins fine weather with light winds from N.W. steering S.E. by E. all hands employed in ships duty middle the same at 6 A.M. saw a shoal of sperm whales going quick to the windward lowered the boats and chased without success ends pleasant one sail in sight

October the 6th

Begins with a pleasant breeze from N.W. steering E.S.E. all hands employed in ships duty at 11 P.M. took in top gallant sails hauled up the courses and luffs to with main yard aback at 5 P.M. kept off the course again at 6 made the signal of Flores bearing E distance 30 miles concludes Flores bearing N.E. 4 miles off 3 sails in sight

October the 7th

Begins pleasant with a fine breeze from N.W. steering by the wind to the S.E. middle part the same of daylight made pica bearing E by S distance 15 leagues ends steering for the land two sails in sight

October the 8th

Begins light winds and calms steering in for the land at 9 P.M. lowered the boats for exercise at 11 heaved to the wind with the main yard back at 9 P.M. kept off for the land ends the same