

Ship Napoleon Atlantic Ocean, towards the

Wednesday May 18th 1858

Begins with moderate breezes from southward, steering N.E. At 6 P.M. the wind hauled to the eastward, took in studd sails. At 9 P.M. began to breeze on, took in the Mizzen. At 12 took in Top Sail sails. At 2 A.M. took Double Reefed the Top Sails. At 3 1/2 took in the Main Sail and Jib. At 4 took in the Fore and Mizzen Top Sails and Fore Sail. At 7 Close Reefed the Main Top Sail and have too heading N by W. Wind N.E. by E. At 11 took in the Fore Top Mast Stay Sail, blowing very heavy. We have had more Gales this passage, thus far than I ever experienced before.

Barometer 29.50/100 Lat 38-55 Long 45-05.

Thursday May 20th.

Begins with heavy Gales from the N.E. and rain. Have too under Close Reefed Main Top Sails and Stay Sails, heading N.W. At 2 P.M. began to moderate and haul to the westward. At 6 P.M. wore ship to the N.E. and made sail. Middle and Latter parts moderate breezes and baffling from S.W. to N. Steering N.E. by E. when we can. Barometer 29 1/2

Lat 38-07 Long 43-08 No Obs.

Friday May 21st 1858

Begins with moderate breezes from the Southward and rain, heading by the wind to the E.N.E. Middle part rainy wind N.W. steering N.E. by N. Latter part strong Gales from the Westward running whole Top Sails courses and Main Top Sail. At 11 A.M. took in Main Top Late Sail and Main Sail, Barometer 29.45/100

Lat 38-43 Long Lat Obs 40-48.

Port of New Bedford, James A. Crowell Master.

Saturday May 22nd

Begins with heavy Gales from the N.W. and a very heavy sharp sea. At 2 P.M. Doubt the Fore and Main Top Sails, and took in the Mizzen. At 6 P.M. Barometer 29.50/100 and rising. I hope it will moderate before long. the Barometer indicate it. At 8 P.M. the wind began to moderate, at 10 set the Mizzen Top Sail and let the Reef's out of the Main Top Sail. At 6 A.M. all sail set. Royals and studd sails. Barometer 29.50/100 Lat 38-35 Long 39-38 Lat Obs 38-40 Long 39-38.

Sunday May 23rd

Begins with moderate breezes from the S.W. steering N.E. all sail on Royals and studd sails. Middle and Latter parts fresh breezes from the Southward. At 1 A.M. changed the course to N.E. by E. Barometer 30.20/100, very high for the wind we have. Lat 38-31 Long 36-51 Lat Obs 38-31 Long 36-51

Monday May 24th

Begins with fresh breezes from the S.E. steering N.E. by N. wind all sail. At 6 P.M. the wind hauled to the S.E. Barometer 30.30/100. Middle part light air from the S.E. Latter part the same. Barometer 30.35/100. Lat Long

Tuesday May 25th

Begins with light airs and calms, and very baffling. Ship heading all ways. Barometer 30.40/100. Middle and Latter parts moderate breezes, heading E.N.E. Oh how I want to get home. I dreamed last night that Joe would scarcely speak to me. I thought she tried to shun me. I felt very bad in my dream. I thought can this be the reception, that I have with so much pleasure looked forward to receive from my friends. O I hope not. Lat 38-25 Long 34-40