

Remarks on Board Ship Niger James Gray

October 1844

Wednesday the 23rd

Commences with strong gales from the N ship heading W
at 2 PM Lat in Main sail & jib mid Part the
jib abated set the mainsail & jib Lat Part at 8 AM
turned the reefs out of the topsails at 11 set the main
top galant sail so ends this Day mps AB E D in Lat 22-01

Thursday the 24th

Commences with light jules at 1 o'clock set the flying
jib & mizen top galant sail mid Part the ship
heading S W by W with a good breeze Lat Part
employ at ships duty so ends this Day Lat is observed

Friday the 25th

Commences with a fine breeze from the S E the
watch employed at various jobs about the rigging
at 4 PM Saw whales lowered the boats &
gave chase without success at 7 gave them up &
came on board ship heading S by W mid Part
at 8 o'clock took in the fore & mizen top galant sail
at 1 set them again at 2 set the main royal
at 6 took it in Lat Part a fine breeze from the
E ships course S by W the watch employed at various
jobs about the rigging so ends this Day my Dear in
Lat 25-56 Long 38-50 W

Saturday the 26th

Commences with a fine breeze from the E ships course
S by W at 6 o'clock took in the fore top galant sail
mid D at 8 o'clock took in the mizen top galant
sail at 12 set the fore & mizen top galant sails
Lat Part the watch employed at fitting rigging the
wind E by W ships course S one ship in sight
steering S E so ends this Day in Lat 29-24 S
Long 39-32 W

Master on the Whaling Vag to the Pacific

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Sunday the 27th

Commences with a strong breeze from E by E ships course
S the watch employed at bracing out water & mid Part no
remarks Lat Part S fine breeze and pleasant weather
so ends this Day so ends this D in Lat 33-15 Long 38-40

Monday the 28th

First Part rainy mid Part the same Lat Part strong gales
with rain from the Eastward at 10 AM took in a sail
ending S S W so ends this Day mps AB E D Lat 36-12 S

Tuesday the 29th

Commences with a strong gale from the S E at 5 PM
took in the fore sail mid Part at 6 o'clock closed reefed
the Main top sail Lat Part the gale still the same
so ends this Day mps AB E D in Lat 36-30 S

Wednesday the 30th

Commences with a comfortable gale lying to under close
reef Main top sail & fore top mast stay sail &
Main spencer the Capt & some of the officers badly employed
in shooting birds for sport mid Part at 10 o'clock set
the fore sail & fore top sail with 2 reefs in it turned one
reef out of the main top sail & set the mizen top
sail with one reef at 5 closed reefed the mizen top sail
the wind S E the ship heading S S W Lat Part
employed at ships duty so ends this Day in Lat 36-22

Thursday the 31st

Commences with light winds from the S E by E
ship heading S by W at 1 set the jib & main sail
& turned one reef out of the mizen top sail employed at
ships duty & mid Part the wind changed to the E by N
Lat Part the wind N E steering S W by S employed
at coopers bread Lat 38-22