

1833. Remarks on board Ship Pilot of New Bedford

Cape Cod. 1° 40'. December. Variation 2° 45' E.

Friday 13 Begins with strong gales from the southwest & squally, middle quite moderate, soon after 4 the wind breaved fresh from S.W. run to the eastward along shore till 7, then hauled to the N.W. the wind moderating made all necessary sail for the westward.

Saturday 14 Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.W. and steady, middle moderate winds and hazy, ends with the same, the wind varying from N.E. to S.W. Employed in stacking bread & rigging out of cash between decks and shocking the cash.

Lat. Ob. 49° 34'.

Sunday 15 Begins with strong gales from the N.E. and some hazy, middle very fresh took in the mainsail and M. T. gallant sail, at 5 P.M. doubled up the topsails, toward the middle more moderate and the mainsail & tacked to the southward.

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 60° 50' Lat. Ob. 49° 6'

Monday 16 Begins with a strong breeze from N.W. and fair weather, middle the wind varying from N.W. to S.W. thick & rainy by spells, but no hot strong gales from S.W. by S. hard flying clouds, and a very sharp sea, at 11 took in the mainsail and doubled up the topsails.

Long. Obs. at 2 P.M. 61° 00'. Lat. Ob. 49° 32'.

Tuesday 17 Begins with strong gales from the S.W. and squally, more moderate toward evening, middle heavy squally took in the foresail, latter part more moderate and foresail, jib, spanker, doubled up the topsails & mainsail, at 11 took in the jib, spanker & mainsail. In the forenoon a land bird came on board which appeared domesticated.

Long. Obs. at 1.20 P.M. 62° 31' Lat. Ob. 49° 34'

Wednesday 18 Begins with strong gales from the S.W. & squally, middle and latter part the wind huffling from S. to N.E. and squally some quite heavy other noted hard, made & took in sail occasionally.

Long. Obs. at 1.40 P.M. 62° 44' Lat. 48° 39'.

James Townsend Master; on a whaling Voyage 1833.

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Thursday 19 Begins with strong gales from the southwest and squally of rain & hail, middle much as the fore, at 4 A.M. took in the foresail, latter part more moderate, made all necessary sail. Capt. Townsend unable to come on deck. Lat. Obs. 48° 42'

Friday 20 Begins with strong gales from the N.E. and hazy and rain much the same till 1 P.M. then a fresh breeze from N.W. thick & drizzly, in the morning quite moderate a squall but blew fresh again before noon, made & took in sail according to the wind. Capt. Townsend confined below with the rheumatism.

Long. Obs. at 5 P.M. 62° 27' Lat. Ob. 50° 14'

Saturday 21 Begins with strong gales from the S.W. & clear, middle and latter part the wind unduly veering from S.W. to S.E. sometimes blowing very fresh and other quite light, with frequent showers of rain and hail. Made and took in sail according to the weather.

Long. Obs. at 4.40 P.M. 60° 31' Lat. Ob. 49° 59'

Sunday 22 Begins with a strong breeze from the southwest and clear, middle the wind veered to N.W. & fresh, latter part a strong breeze and hazy.

Long. Obs. at 3 P.M. 63° 41' Lat. Obs. 50° 12'

Monday 23 Begins with a strong breeze from the westward and hazy, doubled up the topsails, middle the wind light, latter part a fresh breeze saw a sail to the south of us steering southerly.

Long. Obs. at 5.40 P.M. 64° 14' Lat. Ob. 50° 4'

Tuesday 24 Begins with a strong breeze from the westward and clear weather, middle and latter part a strong breeze. At 6 P.M. concluded to go round Cape Horn steered S by W. through the night in the forenoon the wind hauled some southerly, embowed the sails, tacked and stowed down the boiler, deck, jib & other things below & took in the overboard.

Long. Obs. at 3 P.M. 64° 57' Lat. Obs. 53° 10'

Wednesday 25 Begins with moderate winds from the westward and fair weather, middle the S. topsail, M. T. gallant sail and shorter and lower, middle strong haws from S by W. latter part nearly calm ends with a light breeze from the westward, at 3 P.M. the gallant sail & jib sails.

Long. Obs. at 3 P.M. 65° 36' Lat. Obs. 53° 44'