

Western Ground 1853

Tuesday July 19th

All these 24 hours strong breezes from the East and squally. Several sails in sight steering for the wind to the South East at 11 AM tack to the South
Lat 31 40 Long 48 25

Wednesday 20th

Begins with strong breezes from ESE and fine weather. Steered S by W at 4 PM tacked to the S & East and took in main top of B sail and flying jib. Middle part strong breezes from the East headed NNE at day light. Set main top of B sail. Saw 4 Schooners steering SSE. Ends with strong breezes from the East and squally. Took in main top of B sail and tacked to the South. Lat 32 26

Thursday July 21st

Begins with strong breezes from the East and squally. Took out the after hole after provisions from our Cook of molasses leaked out at 7 AM. Kept the top sails middle part heavy squally. Took in main sail, jib & double. Kept the top sails at day light made all sail at 10 AM. Spoke the Br Elizabeth of Malapang four weeks out. Clear
Lat 32 Long 48 32

Friday July 22nd

Begins with strong breezes from the East and squally. Headed South in E. with the Br Elizabeth. Saw 4 ships and 4 schooners at sunset took in sail. Heading South middle part fine weather at day light made all sail fine. Sails of what ever in sight. Ends with fine breezes and pleasant. Lat 31 10 Long 48 20

Saturday July 23rd

All this day fine breezes from SE and pleasant. At sunset took in sail. Headed S by W through the night at day light made all sail & steered NNE. Ends with light wind from the SE. Lat 30 44 Long 49 00

Sunday July 24th

All this day moderate gales from the East and squally. At 8 PM Capt. Gifford came on board. The Schooner captured of New Bedford at sunset took in sail at day light made all sail. Steered NNE. Saw great quantities of Gulf weeds. Lat 31 15 Long 49 00

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Monday July 25th

Begins with light breeze from the East. Steered NNE. Middle and latter part Calm. Great quantities of Gulf weeds in sight. Lat 32 14 Long 49 00

Tuesday July 26th

Commences with light winds from NE and fine weather. Headed NE under all sail. Middle part much the same. Latter part light winds from the East. Headed SE. One sail in sight of the weather. Lat 31 42 Long 48 12

Wednesday July 27th

First part Calm at 4 PM light air from NE. Headed SE. Two sails in sight at sunset took in the light sails. Latter part fine breezes and passing clouds made all sail at 9 AM tacked to the North. Several sails in sight. Lat 31 58 Long

Thursday July 28th

All this day strong breezes from ESE. Headed SE. Spoke the Tarkenton of Provincetown fifteen months out. Seventy sails at 7 PM. Took in sail. Middle part squally at day light made all sail. Spoke the Brig Mirco of Newport at 10 AM. Spoke the Br Bareley of Newport 6 months out. Stee hundred and thirty. Lat 31 32 Long 47 42

Friday July 29th

Begins with fine breezes from ESE. Steered SE. At 3 PM spoke the Brig Medford of Provincetown. At 6 PM spoke the Tarkenton. Took in sail. Headed SE at day light made all sail. The Medford and Tarkenton in sight. Came away the strings of the fore yard and fore back in sight. Lat 32 34 Long 47 50

Saturday July 30th

Begins with light winds from the ESE and fine weather. Headed North. The Medford & Tarkenton in sight. Steered North at 4 PM in sail. Middle part light air from the East at day light Calm. Took in sail. Middle part in sight. Latter part light air from the NE. Headed NE. Made all sail. Steered ESE. Lat 33 13 Long 48 00