

Western Ground 1853

Sunday July 31st

All this day moderate gales from the N^W and fine weather. Steered E^{SE} Lat 34 30 Long 47 00

Monday Aug 1st

Begins with strong breezes from the N^W & West and squally at 7 PM close reefed the top sails middle part squally with thunder and lightning wind variable at day light the wind shifted to the NE set main sail and jib Steered E^{SE} Lat 34 11 Long 45 28 one sail in sight steering

Tuesday Aug 2nd

Commences with light winds from the N^W and fair, headed E^{SE} one sail in sight steering East middle part light winds and cloudy latter part strong breezes from the South and squally Steered NE two sails in sight steering E^{SE} Lat 35 13 Long 45 10

Wednesday Aug 3rd

Begins with moderate gales from the N^W and cloudy Steered NE two merchant ships in sight steering E^{SE} Lat 35 13 Long 45 10 one sail in sight broke off by the deck with some rigging on it. Supposed to have been in the water some time as it was all covered with clams at 7 PM took in sail middle part light air from the South at 11 PM fine breezes from the North Steered E^{SE} one sail in sight steering E^{SE} Lat 35 35 Long 45 10 at 9 AM Steered SE

Thursday Aug 4th

Begins with light winds from the North and fair, cloudy Steered SE saw jammers at sail in sight to the westward at 7 PM took in sail middle part light air from the North headed N^W at day light made all sail and gave chase E^{SE} at 8 PM lowered top sail and went on board the Medford Ende with light air from the North & Calms saw porpoises Lat 35 00 Long 46 10

Friday Aug 5th

Begins with light air and Calms headed NE at 7 PM took in sail in Calms with the Medford at day light the wind shifted and squally made sail and Steered SE Medford in sight steering East Ende with moderate gales from N^W and thick weather Lat 34 43 Long 45 45

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Saturday Aug 6th

Begins with light winds from the N^W and thick weather Steered SE at 2 PM took in ship to the N^W & saw Black fish & Porpoises one sail in sight off our lee bow at 3 PM took in sail and lay headed to the NE with the main top masts abaft at day light made all sail the Medford in sight to the North latter part Calms Lat 34 43 Long

Sunday Aug 7th

Begins with light airs and Calms medford in sight to the Westward saw some blackfish at 2 PM light breezes from the N^W Steered SE at 7 PM took in sail Steered SE through the night latter part Calms Lat 34 25 Long 45 25

Monday Aug 8th

Begins with light airs from the N^W and fine weather Steered South made all sail saw Porpoises & Grampians at sunset took in sail Steered SE middle part Calms at day light light breezes from the N^W made all sail saw Grampians and great quantities of Gulf weed Lat 34 05 Long 44 25

Tuesday Aug 9th

Begins with fine breezes from N^W Steered SE at 7 PM two sails in sight to the South saw several grampians at 7 PM spoke their Schooner Richard of Provincetown middle part Steered E^{SE} Lat 34 11 under double reefed top sails at day light made from the North and passing clouds one sail in sight at 11 AM at 1 PM the wind shifted to the East in a squall headed SE under the sail latter part fine breezes from North headed E^{SE} saw Blackfish however the boats got nothing

Wednesday Aug 10th

Begins with strong breezes from N^W and squally headed SE at 7 PM took in sail middle part moderate at day made all sail latter part strong breezes inclining Calms two sails in sight steering N^W by N Lat 33 15 Long 44 10

Thursday Aug 11th

Begins with light winds from E^{SE} and fine weather headed SE saw Blackfish going quick to windward at 8 PM spoke their Schooner Richard of Provincetown from the East headed SE at day light made all sail and headed North saw several grampians & whales Ende with light winds from NE and fine weather Lat 32 45 Long 40 05