

Off Puertoventura 1853

Thursday Dec 1st

Begins with strong breezes from the East and Puffin Clouds coming to the N. E. under all sail in E. with the America and Medford Middle part light air from the N. E. Steered to the N. E. at 9 AM. This morning set her Coilers for Whales leaving the boat but did not get them in season the America got one

Friday Dec 2nd

Begins with five breezes from the N. W. and Clear Marine different bearings from North to S. E. saw Linnet and sparrows at 5 PM. Saw Bojacks to the Eastward at dark took in sail mid light wind from the East saw Blackfish at day light and squally close in under the land saw Puffins flying Ends with moderate gales and cloudy. Went Jacksons Cove N. W. W. dist 3 miles

Saturday Dec 3rd

Begins with light breezes from N. W. and cloudy at 9 AM. spoke the Medford Baguet. Middle part close in with Jacksons latter part strong breezes from N. W. and squally Jacksons Cove West dist 4 leagues 3 sails in sight

Sunday Dec 4th

Begins with strong winds from the N. W. and Puffin Clouds close kept the top sails at 12 PM. Close kept the top sails at 8 PM increasing gales from the N. W. to under close kept. main top sail 4. The sail heaving off shore mid part heavy gales from N. W. to South and squally with lightning at 1 PM. saw ship and heaved in for the land at 3 PM. headed off at day light with ship and headed in for Puertoventura one sail in sight. Light close in with the land

Monday Dec 5th

All this day heavy gales from the South E. W. and squally laying her under close kept. main top sail coming to the N. E. and large part of the N. W. Dist 12 miles

Homeward Bound 1853

Tuesday Dec 6th

Begins with heavy gales from the N. W. and squally laying her under close kept main top sail mid part winds West and more moderate set close kept. top top sail and fore sail stood in under large part. Squally made all sail headed S. W. Ends with strong breezes from N. W. and squally at Puertoventura Point Jacksons Cove. N. W. dist 10 miles

Wednesday Dec 7th

All this day strong breezes and squally spoke the America and Medford but the America have some provisions at 9 PM. Steered N. W. W. Point of Puertoventura Cove. N. W. dist 20 miles latter part more moderate made all sail this morning in sight Steering the same course Lat Dec 20 38 Long 15 00

Thursday Dec 8th

All this day light winds and squally

Friday Dec 9th

Begins with light winds and squally spoke the America changed two men with her and took one to work his passage home mid and latter part light winds from E. and a heavy swell beginning from the North Employed filling salt water for Ballast Lat Dec 22 38 Long 15 16

Saturday Dec 10th

All this day light winds from the N. E. and fine weather Employed painting ship Steered N. W. W. the America in Co. Lat Dec 23 42 Long 15 52

Sunday Dec 11th

All this day moderate winds from the Eastward voyaged fine weather Steered N. W. W. by compass the America in sight from edge of our water beam saw one finback Lat Dec 24 40 Long 15 12

Monday Dec 12th

Begins with light winds from the East and fine weather Steered N. W. W. by compass one sail in sight Steered N. W. W. mid part with much the same latter fine breezes Employed Rattling down the rigging and tarboiling the rigging Lat Dec 24 00 Long 19 00