

Phi's Omega Steering towards New Holland Nov. 1848

NOVEMBER.

Monday the 13th

First part of this 24 hours blowing a hard gale from the South we lay under a close reef main top sail and fore spancer to the South at sunset the gale abating made sail accordingly heading back to West Middle part calm at daylight gentle breeze from West latter part do Course S West Set the fore topmast S. Sail S. Ends

38.13
155.06

Tuesday the 14th

First part of this 24 hours gentle breeze from the South Course S. West all sail out at sunset calm Middle part gentle breeze from the S. West Course S. West latter part gentle breeze from the East strong sail low and light the Omega sailing & heaving to

33.52
155.06

Wednesday the 15th

First part of this 24 hours light breeze from the South Course S. West all sail out Middle part the same latter part strong breeze from the South and a rough sea Course S. West at noon took in the light sails

35.30
152.00

Thursday the 16th

First part of this 24 hours strong gale from the North Course S. West under a close reef main top sail and fore spancer a high sea running and a constant rain at 6 P.M. double reefed the fore top sail Middle part blowing a gale from the North here the ship too and a close reef main top sail experienced a heavy tempest latter part Set double reefs Course S. West Saw what we called Cape Horn New Holland all appearance of a steamer coming on

37.40
151.00

Friday the 17th

Commenced with strong breeze from the North strong S. West under double reefs all appearance of a S. West gale at 5 P.M. blowing a hard gale from the Westward before the ship too to the South saw the land to the South about 43 miles Middle part the same latter part the do saw one bright whale could not lower it blowing a gale

38.08
151.40

Saturday the 18th

Laying too in a gale from the Westward heading S. West Middle part the same at daylight all appearance of a long tedious blow latter part the same S. West

38.24
152.07

Monday the 19th

First part of this 24 hours blowing a hard gale from the Westward we under a close reef main top sail and fore spancer heading S. West Middle part moderating at daylight Set double reefs and courses saw a ship to the Eastward at 10 A.M. saw a bright whale lowered to boat struck and killed him and he sink came on board saw 2 more part off in pursuit but could not strike S. Ends

38.40
152.08

Tuesday the 20th

First part of this 24 hours gentle breeze from the South heading to the South at 1 P.M. saw a bright whale lowered 3 boats struck me and killed him took him to the ship commenced cutting at sunset had got one leg in give it up for the night Middle part too by the whale at daylight commenced cutting latter part finished cutting and commenced boiling huffling and from last and a drizzling rain S. Ends

38.62
152.

Wednesday the 21st

First part of this 24 hours light breeze and squally from the South light breeze lowered in pursuit but could not strike came on board strong breeze and squally heading to the North sailing Middle part fine and clear at daylight saw a sail to the South made sail near ship to the South employed sailing latter part light breeze at 10 A.M. spoke Bird Phoenix Waterway of New Bedford 11 months 2000 lb. 100 lb. 6 weeks from Washington bound to New England S. Ends we still sailing

38.84
157.44

Thursday the 22nd

First part of this 24 hours light breeze from the South all sail out Course S. West by sunset at 4 P.M. saw whales to the South in readiness they prepared to be fired at sunset finished sailing Middle part light breeze at daylight huffling wind and a drizzling rain Conference and Set between decks the Oct latter part calm employed getting up provisions and the after hold at noon light air from the North Set the Pleating Sails S. Ends employed cleaning the decks

39.30
150.29

Friday the 23rd

First part of this 24 hours gentle breeze from the North Course S. West all sail out Cloudy and raining North of the line Middle part blowing a gale from the South and jerry squally laying too under a close reef main top sail to the South at daylight wind backed in to the West Set double reefs and courses heading S. West latter part very squally and blowing a strong breeze saw a fine back S. Ends

40.15
150.18