

Bark Isabella of N Bedford

Journal of a whaling voyage in Bark Isabella to the Atlantic Indian & Pacific Oceans with a crew of 27 men, to make up a complement of 32 men at the Western Islands

Tuesday 2nd Aug 1859

2nd At 10 am got on board ship under weigh in charge of Pilot Light airs working out of the Bay

Wednesday 3rd

3rd Light airs working out of the Bay, at 2 pm anchored under Dampier Light. Middle part thick & rainy. Latter part much the same at 10 got under weigh working out

Thursday 4th

4th Fine Light winds from the S W working out of the Bay, at 5 discharged pilot & bid adieu to friends. Lashed anchors & uncoiled cables of fore & pig light sent Middle part foggy. Standing on short tacks. Latter part strong gales from S W to S. Stead to the S E all sail set coiling new lines. Shadl water

Friday 5th

5th Strong gales at S W at 2 tacked to the W all sail. School water at 6 tacked to the S E & shortened sail at 11 tacked to the W at 3 to the S E handed jib at daylight made sail. Latter part must fitting. Bait gear & lashed pendant aloft fitting. Bait gear

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Thursday 6th

6th Strong gales at S W top sails set. Con S E fitting & lashing up about decks at 4 double reefed at hook in jib & main sail. Ship stress very bad. Middle part hard gales handed fore & fore topstall close reefed the main at daylight set double reefs. Latter part set by sails, hauling aft & fitting. Ship &c. Lat 39 38.00

Friday 7th Long 57 15

7th Fine wind light from the S W con S E all sail set. Middle part fine light. Airs from the W. Dreamed of Symans cow, found Sisters dollar. Latter part calm cleared down calm all sail. Lat 39.05

Saturday 8th Long 57.15

8th Fine wind calm lying cleared down calm. Middle part fine all sail set. Latter do all hand. Stowing away cables & breaking out. Lat 38.30

Sunday 9th Long 56.10

9th Fine wind S W con S E all sail set, overhauling. Middle part fine, Latter part do fitting rigging & whaling gear. Lat 37.34

Monday 10th Long 54.40

10th Fine wind S W con S E by E all sail set fitting rigging &c. Middle part latter do fitting ship &c. Lat 36.55

Tuesday 11th Long 52.32

11th Fine wind light from the S E con S E all sail set, ship in sight fitting ship &c. Middle part fine, Latter do calm cleared down. Lat 35.13

Wednesday 12th Long 51.42

12th Fine wind calm cleared down fitting rigging. Middle part fine latter do calm. 2 sail in sight fitting ship & rigging. Lat 35.01 Long 50.32