

Ship Balama of New Bedford Capt. Gorman
1856 Sunday June 29th

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate trades the ship standing to the Westward at 10 A.M. saw Woods Island bearing N.W. 20 miles. Cook off duty Sick. Peter Adams about the same at Noon Woods Island bearing W. S. W. 12 miles.

Monday June 30th
Fresh trades and fine weather the ship standing to the E. latter part steering N.W. saw finbacks & Blackfish. two men Sick at Noon Chatham Island bearing W. S. W. 10 miles.

Tuesday July 1st
Comes in with fine weather and fresh trades the ship steering N.W. at sunset luffed to the wind heading to the Eastward latter part standing to the S.W. saw nothing 2 men off duty Sick. Lat 0.6° Long 89.08 W.

Wednesday July 2^d
This day comes in with fine weather and fresh trades the ship working to windward middle part light breezes. ends with moderate trades a. Breeze steering to the S.W. two men Sick. a strong S.W. current. Lat by obs 0.04° Long 89.47 W.

Thursday July 3^d
Comes in with fine weather and moderate trades the ship standing to the S.W. at 2 P.M. wore ship to the Eastward. Middle & latter part cloudy and squally saw finbacks. 2 men Sick. Lat 0.40° Long 88.58 W.

Friday July 4th
This day comes in with fine weather and strong trades the ship standing to the Eastward. Middle and latter part fresh trade & squally. saw finbacks. two men Sick. Lat by obs 0.39° Long by Chron 89.5

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Saturday July 5th

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate trades the ship standing to the Eastward. Middle and latter part much the same. saw nothing. two men Sick. Lat by obs 0.14° Long 86.34

Sunday July 6th
Comes in with moderate trade winds the ship on the Eastern tack middle and latter part much the same. John Shaw the Steward in consequence of some reproach for faultiness took offence and asked permission to go forward and it was granted to him by the Captain. Lat by obs. 0.04° Long by obs. 86.12 W.

Monday July 7th
These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate trades the ship standing to the Eastward latter part wore round to the Westward two ships in sight. Employed fitting a new main topmast. the old one being somewhat damaged one man Sick. the Cook well again and gone to duty. Peter Rorabough has been appointed steward in place of John Shaw. resigned. Lat 0.42° Long 86.02 W.

Tuesday July 8th
This day comes in with moderate trades the ship working to the Southward saw no fish two ships in sight. Lat 1.13° Long 86.03 W.

Wednesday July 9th
This day comes in with fine weather and moderate trades the ship standing to the Westward. Middle and latter part squally at sunset spoke the ship. Philippe Delarage of Fair Haven 6 months 200 Sprm. Lat 1.25° Long 86.37

Thursday July 10th
Comes in with fine weather and light breezes the ship steering to the S.W. spoke the ship. Delarage at 10 P.M. parted company latter part sent down main top gallant mast. fitting main topmast. &c. saw nothing. Lat 1.36° Long 86.32 W.