

Ship. Balama of New Bedford
1856 Monday Sept 8th

This day comes in with fresh trades and fine weather the ship steering E. N. E. Middle and latter part moderate a Bark in sight under short sail passed another boiling latter part standing to the S. E. by the Wind the Sick men about the same, Employed rattling down the Mizzen rigging Lat 1.04 N Long 81.15 W

Tuesday Sept 9th
Comes in with fine weather and moderate trades the ship standing to the Eastward Middle part steering to the Westward, latter part steering E. Saw several vessels the Sick ones about the same Lat 1.55 N Long 81.24 W

Wednesday Sept 10th
Comes in with fine weather and moderate trades the ship standing to the Eastward Middle and latter part much the same several vessels in sight and with rainy weather, the Sick ones are about the same Lat 1.35 N Long 81.11 W

Thursday Sept 11th
This day comes in with fine weather the ship cruising for Whales middle and latter part fresh trades and equally a ship and bark in sight chasing Whales, the lowered their boats but the Whales were galled and going quick could not get to them Lat 1.22 N Long 82.00 W

Friday Sept 12th
Comes in with fine weather and fresh trades the ship cruising for Whales saw a Bark Boiling middle and latter part moderate, Employed rattling down the Mizzen rigging the Sick ones about the same Lat 1.56 N Long 81.53 W

Saturday Sept 13th
Comes in with fresh trades the ship steering N. N. W. latter part steering to the East saw nothing. the Sick men about the same rose new foretop sail Braces,

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Sunday Sept 14th

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate trades the ship standing to the Eastward Middle part wore ship to the Westward latter part standing in shore, saw Black fish, the Sick ones are about the same Lat 1.46 N Long 80.26 W

Monday Sept 15th
Comes in with fresh trades and cloudy weather the ship standing in shore at 3. A. M. saw the Land and wore ship to the Westward, at daylight tacked in shore, saw Humpbacks. John Edwards is getting very low he was out of his head most of the night. this morning he is a little better, the other two Sick men about the same a Bark in sight to seaward Lat 1.22 N Long 80.22 W

Tuesday Sept 16th
This day comes in with strong trades and cloudy weather the ship standing to the Westward Middle and latter part strong trades saw a Bark cutting in a Whale. the Sick ones about the same Lat 2.00 N Long 81.59 W

Wednesday Sept 17th
Comes in with fine weather and fresh trades the ship standing to the Westward at 5 P. M. spoke the Bark Cachalot A. B. latter part standing in shore saw Humpbacks. John Edwards is getting worse the rest of the Sick ones about the same Lat 2.09 N Long 80.22 W

Thursday Sept 18th
Comes in with fresh Breezes and clear weather the ship standing in for the Land at 5 P. M. Anchored in Esmeraldas

Friday Sept 19th
one half the crew ashore cutting Wood the remainder breaking out the fore hold and filling Water

Saturday Sept 19th
This day comes in with fine weather all hands employed getting Wood and water