

Latitude 40° 33' Longitude 63° 26' 11 west

westward. we were pretty busy all day in the
amidships getting out provisions and other
necessary things. I saw the medicine chest and
thought there was plenty of everything. during the
afternoon I was busy with Henry Shelton and
Mr. Bell, sewing some old canvases. At noon
an observation was as usual taken, and we found
ourselves to the eastward of St. George's Shoal. We
saw a great many black fish, they measure
from ten to fifteen feet, we may yet have a
chance to catch some of them, they hold about
two barrels of oil. Our officers seem to be expe-
rienced men, and are very good men. At about
10 o'clock it commenced raining with a strong
breeze from ENE, the ship going along at a fine
rate. On going at the wheel I soon learned how to
steer and found that the ship steered very easily
indeed. Our boats will be ready in a few days
and we will then have a chance to practice
rowing. At sun down we were steering E by S.
the weather being damp. I do not yet feel sick
but I cannot become reconciled to the meals.

June 19
Monday

Steered during last night E by S with light winds.
The first view of the sea at morning is refreshing all
is stir about you, the cooper and carpenter busily oc-
cupied, the steward stirring around and the crew
working at old sails or other things. Four of our
boats are now ready for action and should a
whale come in sight he will have a hard pull
for his life, as we have experienced steermen and
harpooners, and every one is very anxious for the
sport. At noon an observation was as usual taken,
but I was not able to procure it, the ship was
then going at a good rate with a fair wind.
During the afternoon I was occupied making
what sailors call "senate" which is a braid of
nine strings of rope yarn, for reefing small boat
sails, this is the first rigging I ever manufactured,
and tho it seemed odd at first I however soon

got into it. After supper I spent an hour or so conversing
with young Shelton and Mr. Bell upon different
subjects. I must try to cultivate the acquaintance
of Mr. Bell. I went up to the top of the main mast
to day for the first time, I felt a little afraid at
first but soon got over it. We today made 180 miles
and at noon were in the latitude of Sandy Hook.
Steering all day E by S. I have not yet been sick.

June 20
Tuesday

During last night the winds were extremely light
and nothing of interest occurred. We were not
quite so busy to day. Nothing occurred during the
day everything being in order. After supper the
wind hauled a little more to the southward and
freshened up, we shortened sail, reefed fore, main
and mizzen top gallant sails and clew up the
mainsail the ship sailing in good style, course
east. We today made 168 miles. After supper the
musical party of the crew assembled and gave
us a series of waltzes, comic songs &c. the band consists
of a bango, two violins, a tambourine, a fife, and
a flute and I was amused by the evolutions of
two negroes we have on board.

June 21
Wednesday

Our course last night was to the northward, the
winds were light but favorable and the weather
fair. This morning I was placed at the wheel for
the first time and soon got into the way of steering.
The observation taken at noon showed us to be a
little to the north of Sandy Hook. we today
made about 190 miles - the evening was very
pleasant - did not feel at all sick.

June 22
Thursday

During last night our course was E by S, we
had few southern winds - the night was very
fine indeed and it was very pleasant on deck.
the sight of the ocean was magnificent. This
morning we were going E by S at the rate
of 6 knots an hour. The wind soon freshened
up and we went on at the rate of 8 knots.
At dusk we saw a large ship in the distance bound
in, and we exchanged lights with her.

Latitude 40° 48' Longitude 60° 57' 11 west

Latitude 42° 12' Longitude 56° 25'