

Ship Plaver, of New Bedford, Cruising off
Sunday, December 5th 1858

Ship Martha, bound with a strong breeze from the E.N.E. with a heavy swell from S.E.W. under whole top sails, at 4.30 P.M. spoke the Martha, at sunset took in sail to a fore sail & close reefed main top sail, saw the Island of Madagascar, bearing W.N.W. 45. miles dist, middle part rugged & blowing strong, at daylight were ship and set double reefed top sails, with 8. at 10.30. & 16 took in the main sail, with 4. & Mizzen top sails, saw two sails, so ends blowing strong, Lat. 25.47. S. Long. 48.33 E.

Rugged, bound with a strong breeze from the E.N.E. and rugged, heading N.N.E. under short sail, at sunset more moderates, took in sail, and were ship to the South, middle and latter parts rugged, heading S.E. under double reefs, so ends. Lat by Obs. 26.18. S. Long 49.18. East.

Pleasant, All these 24 hours strong breeze from the East and clear weather, S.E. to S.W. the courses with the light sails out, so ends. Lat 28.09. S. Long 50.09 E

Pleasant, Throughout these 24 hours brisk trade and clear weather, heading from S.E. to S.W. under all possible sail, saw two sails and several Pinbacks, so ends. Lat, 30.22. S. Long 50.22. E.

Provisions, bound with brisk trade heading South, 16. T. by sail & flying with out, at 6. P.M. took them in, at 6. P.M. double reefed the top sails, at 8. P.M. stowed S.E. middle part made sail, latter part light trade heading from S.E.W. to S.W. broke out reef & Park, so ends. Lat by Obs 32.25 S. Longitude by Chronometer 50.46. East,

Port. Souphie, A. N. Perkins. Master.

Friday December 10th 1858

Pleasant, bound with light trade and fine weather heading from S.E.W. to S.W. all sail out, caught a porpoise, middle and latter parts pleasant heading from South, to S.E. so ends. Lat 34.27 S. Long by Chronometer 51.21. East.

Yard, Saturday December 11th 1858
The first and middle parts brisk breeze from the N.E. by E. and pleasant weather, steering S.E. by E. under all sail, latter part strong breeze, took in the light sails, sent down the Miz. top gallant yard, so ends. Lat. 35.13. S. Long 54.04 East.

Breezy, Sunday, December 12th 1858
bound with a strong breeze from the N.E. by E. and fair weather, steering S.E. by E. under top sails & at 6. P.M. more moderates, set the light sails, latter part strong breeze with thick weather, so ends. Lat by Obs. 36.00. South. Long 57.27. East.

Foggy, Monday, December 13th 1858
bound with strong wind from the North and thick weather, steering S.E. by E. under whole fore & main top sail, at sunset double reefed middle and latter parts moderates, the wind North, set the studding sail, so ends. Lat 36.58 Longitude by account. 61.00. East,

Thick, Tuesday, December 14th 1858
Throughout these 24 hours light foggy weather steering S.E. by E. & E. under all sails, so ends. Lat by Obs. 36.52. S. Long. by Obs. 62.56. East,

Thick & Rainy, Wednesday, December 15th 1858
All these 24 hours brisk wind from the North and thick rainy weather, steered S.E. by E. under all sail, broke out water, so ends. this day. Lat by Obs. 37.22. S. Long 66.05. East.