

Ship *Plover*, of New Bedford, towards
Thursday, December 16th 1858

Blowing heavy, hazy with brisk winds from the North and thick weather steering E. S. E. at 3 P. M. took in the light sails, sent down the fore top gallant yard, at 4 P. M. double reefed the fore and main top sails, furled the Miz. top sail, the mercury down to 29.07 tenths at 11.30 P. M. furled the fore sail & fore top sail, blowing hard in squalls with heavy rains, at 4.30 A. M. took in the main top sail, blowing heavy the mercury down to 29.02 tenths, so ends blowing tremendous hard in squalls, the ship acting first rates under spencers, so ends blowing heavy, no obs.

Barometer,
29.42 tenths

Friday, December 17th 1858

Blowing hard in squalls, hazy with a very gale from the N. N. W. the ship N. E. under two spencers and fore top mast stay sail, at 3 P. M. it moderated a little, the wind hauling to the west, the mercury rising slowly, at 4 P. M. it rose to 29.6 tenths, middle and latter parts blowing hard in squalls, the wind N. S. W. so ends, no obs. Lat by guess 36.45 S.

Barometer,
29.46 tenths

Saturday, December 18th 1858

Better weather, hazy with a heavy gale from the W. S. W. with hard squalls of wind and rain, the ship heading N. W. at 4 P. M. set the main top sail, and took in the main spencers, middle part it moderated, at 4.30 A. M. steered S. E. and set double reefed top sails, Tith & courses, at 10 A. M. shook out the reef and set the light sails, saw a sail, so ends, Lat. 36.04 S. Long 68.41 W. E

Moderate,

Sunday, December 19th 1858

All these 24 hours moderate breeze from the N. W. by W. and bury weather steering S. E. by E. by E. under all sail that would draw, saw spouts, so ends, Lat 36.40 S Long by chronometer, 71.30 East

New Holland, Augustus N. Perkins, Master,

Monday, December 20th 1858

Letting up the Rigging, hazy with light winds from the N. W. by W steering S. E. by E under all sail that would draw, set up the main top mast & top g. Back stays, and fore rigging, latter part light weather, so ends, Lat 37.04 S Long 73.12 E

Tuesday, December 21st 1858

Pleasant, All these 24 hours brisk winds from the N. W. by W and clear weather, steered S. E. by E. under all sail, that would draw at 10.30, saw a sail, so ends, Lat 37.40 S Long 73.19 E

Isle of Amsterdam,

Wednesday, December 22nd 1858

hazy with brisk winds from the N. W. by W steering S. E. by E under all sail, at 1 P. M. saw the Isle of Amsterdam, bearing S. E. Dist 35 miles, saw a merchant Bark, steering East, under all sail, at 9 P. M. the Island bore S. W. Dist 25 miles, middle part wind W. S. W. and strong, at 6 A. M. Manuel Tercera saw sperm whales, lowered three boats in chace, at 7 the boats returned the whales going to windward, at 8 lowered again the whales going to leeward, all three boats struck, and saved the waist & Bow boats whales, lost the Larboard Boat whale by foul line and had to cut it, at 11.30 A. M. got the whales along side and took up the boats, so ends, rugged Lat 37.42 S Long 78.55 East

Manuel Tercera



Bow Boat

cutting,

Thursday, December 23rd 1858

hazy with a strong breeze from the W. S. W. and quite rugged, got ready to cut, at 1.15 P. M. hooked and at 7.30 P. M. finished cutting, set the watch and cleared up the decks, at 4.30 A. M. called all hands, and got ready to boil, at 8.30 sent the watch below, and went to boiling, so ends, Lat 37.25 S Long 80.12 E