

Ship *Flower*, of New Bedford, off the

Sunday, December 18th 1853

Fishing. Sailed with a light breeze from N. N. W. and fine weather under all sail, 5 Sclanders in sight, sent a boat a fishing & caught two, middle & latter parts calm saw killers, & so ends, Lat. 3. 11. S. Long 55. 46. 30 E

Monday, December 19th 1853

For Fish. The first and middle parts calm, latter part light N. E. from N. E. saw low fish, lowered for them but all in vain, so ends, Lat 3. 15. S. 55. 38. E

Tuesday, December 20th 1853

Sail mending. Sailed with light air from South, steering N. W. all sail out, at 4. 30. P. M. the wind N. N. W. middle & latter parts the wind light and variable, repairing the fore top sail, so ends, Lat. 2. 44. S. Long. 55. 21. E.

Wednesday, December 21st 1853

Squally. Begins with light winds from N. N. W. by N. and some squally heading west, & N. by S. by S. at 4. P. M. bent the fore top sail middle & latter parts heading West, some squally, the wind N. N. W. so ends, Lat. 2. 44. S. Long 54. 55. E.

Thursday, December 22nd 1853

Rainy. Sailed with brisk wind from N. N. W. and fair weather heading S. W. by W. under top sails, broke out meat, middle & latter parts, some rainy, so ends, Lat by Obs. 3. 11. S. Long by Chron. 54. 44. East.

Friday, December 23rd 1853

Weather. Begins with brisk winds from N. W. and some squally heading W. by S. under most all sail, at sunset took in sail & stood. Boats crews, middle part calm, at daylight made all sail, at 7. A. M. saw Maher, bearing S. by E. 30 miles distant, at 10. saw low Sclanders, hauled by the wind to S. W. saw killers, so ends, Lat. 3. 28. S. Long 54. 50. E.

Saturday, December 24th 1853

Sea watches. All these 24 hours brisk breeze, tacked several times saw killers & lowered for them but all in vain, stood whole watches, saw a sail, so ends, Lat 3. 32. S. Long 54. 25. E

Seychelles, A. N. Perkins, Master.

Sunday, December 25th 1853

P. Sea Fox. Sailed with light winds and baffling, at 2. P. M. spoke the Barque Sea Fox, of Westport, Gifford, Master, 16 months & 24 days out 430 S. middle latter parts light weather, and some squally, so ends 3. 45. E

Monday, December 26th 1853

Light airs. Sailed with a light air from West, and fine weather under all sail, heading S. S. W. the sea Fox in sight middle part calm, at 8. 30. saw the land 25 miles off, so ends, Lat by Obs. 3. 43. S. Long. 54. 36. East.

Tuesday, December 27th 1853

Squally. Begins with a brisk breeze from the N. N. W. and fine weather, heading to the North, spoke the Sea Fox, middle part hard squalls of rain, with thunder & lightning, latter part better weather, saw the Sea Fox, and another sail, saw the land, so ends, Lat. 3. 36. S. Long 54. 39. E

Wednesday, December 28th 1853

Squally. Sailed with brisk wind from N. N. W. heading S. W. by W. under all sail, at 1. 30. P. M. tacked to the N. N. W. middle part squally, at 7. A. M. wore ship to S. W. saw the Sea Fox, so ends, Lat 3. 08. S. Long 54. 16. East

Thursday, December 29th 1853

Lightning. Sailed with a strong breeze from N. W. and squally, heading W. S. W. under whole top sails, at 4. P. M. double reefed, at 5. P. M. took in all sail except the fore & main top sails, had bad looking weather, with thunder & lightning, at 6. P. M. wore ship to the North, at daylight finer weather, broke out the After Volder, wore ship to the N. N. W. so ends, Lat 2. 48. S. Long 54. 28. East.

Friday, December 30th 1853

Sail mending. Sailed with a gentle breeze from the N. N. W. by N. and fine weather, heading W. by S. under all sail, at 4. P. M. finished stowing off, middle & latter parts pleasant weather, heading W. by S. unbent the fore sail & bent the good one so ends, repairing the fore sail, Lat. 3. 02. S. Long 52. 32. E.