

97 days

Sunday March 20th 1853

The weather continues pleasant Steering N.W. by W. with a light breeze from the Land S.W.W.

Many pleasant thoughts have passed through my mind to day while viewing the picture of my little family Sunday is a good day for contemplation and I do not wish to think of home to the exclusion of religious subjects no I will endeavour to give my attention to both although I greatly feel the need of my family and my meetings ^{and} I am determined to be faithful

P.B. trader

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Monday March 21st

We are still blessed with beautiful weather and a light breeze from the S.E. Steering N.W. by W. Sent up masts to gallant studding sails both sides The watch mending broken top sail Spread the bone on the forecandle to dry I end making steady progress Lat 9.

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Tuesday March 22

Another day has passed and we are still sliding over the water very pleasantly the weather is very beautiful all and we are wonderfully blessed yet we shall feel much better when we ^{are} full and bound home The watch drawing yarns all busy Nothing in sight

100 days out

Wednesday March 23rd

The weather continues fine and the wind light from the S.E. N.W. with studding sails on each side The watch employed in making sprung arm S.C. Plenty of work we keep at it till sunset lately So ends Lat 9 Longitude

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Thursday March 24th

The S.B. trader continues light but the weather is pleasant and we are gliding along very easy the Ocean is still calm there is no motion to the ship Our spirits beat high with hope while we anticipate the future Full ship in two seasons and home is the climax of our earthly desires The watch busy in ripping to pieces an old top sail and picking Oxum So ends Lat 23 48 South

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Friday March 25 1853

The weather continues pleasant and the breeze light Steering N.W. with studding sails both sides The watch busy at work making sprung arm and picking Oxum Nothing in sight from land house The blacksmith has been at work at the forge all day for the week past but coal and iron will fail before long Lat 9 South Longitude West

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Saturday March 26th

The weather is still pleasant The sky is covered with clouds but it makes it rather more pleasant at noonday inasmuch as it made a forty protects us from its scorching influence At 2 in the afternoon the watch commenced washing the outside of the ship of spruce At 4 finished and all hands turned on inside and scrubbed till 5 P.M. washed bulwarks spar and gother as clean as a new pin All right for Sunday I like this washing Saturday Brew was made Broke out for water bread molasses beef and Pork and told to take coffee Filled the empty water casks with salt water and bring a mug 2 a Saw 2 sail astern steering up the coast No chance for send ding letters home yet Lat 9 Spruce good share

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Sunday March 27th

Another sabbath has gone and the question is are we any better than we was last Sunday have we made any advancement in christianity, any nearer heaven Oh Lord thou knowest my heart I feel my unworthiness but through grace I still feel to claim thy promises am still determined to fight my way after ~~any~~ poor fashion until I reach the port of heaven and go on shore on liberty for ever This evening I spent a few minutes with the foremast hands on deck which is contrary to the Capt's orders but they wanted me to make a frenological examination and as I commenced one showed a dozen heads uncovered immediately and try mine next and my turn next was heard from all quarters and thus I stayed longer than I expected, but I tried to lead their minds to things above speaking of things that is commonly called pleasure here by the perverted and comparing it to that far more exalting and eternal weight of glory may the Lord help them in my prayer Lat 17 56 S Long about 87 West