

Toward the Coast of Lower California -

J. E. D. says not

January 1st 1855

Ten years ago I scarcely dared think of doing this year but God has ordained it. I do not know why. Perhaps there is a work for me to do and I hope to do it by the "patience of hope" and the labor of love that I may be able to say at this coming "I have fought my way through I have finished the work thou didst give me to do". I am glad to hear others make

harrowing revelations for these ten years and I should not wonder if they were not true. I have not seen any of them before this time and it would be well

to have a happy new year. One year for the other but half way home and our feelings with contrast wonderfully with those of the present time.

As we have had the experience of last year we should know better how to improve this one.

Whether still equally steering by the wind to the westward doubt is not to be feared. Lat 46.16.4 Long 125.3

Tuesday January 2nd

Strong with the trades and a little each for this latitude. The watch picking a keen, making

springing and overhauling the boat tackle. I shall keep busy at my box and the carpenter

his furniture between squalls. Nothing in sight

Wednesday January 3rd

We have been troubled with frequent squalls of rain and wind and at every squall we had a beautiful rainbow entirely round two thirds of the circle before

the horizon the lower edge of it not more than 10 feet from the ship a wonderful well worth seeing

Lat 46.38 W. 39 W. 40 W.

Thursday January 4th

The wind has been light and pleasant weather and we are getting along slowly toward the Cape and

doing toward filling the ship for home but rather making her lighter all the time. We shall disappoint

many of our friends at home who are expecting us to get a few hundred lbs. of sperm oil.

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Bound for Cape St. Lucas

Friday January 5th 1855

This squally day has passed on the sea to pass at sea from our home and friends. The trade winds have

varied from N. E. to E. S. E. frequently and we have tested this as often as our course about E.

The weather is chilly and nothing like a light squall today. Yesterday January 6th

We have seen the end of another week with all its work and trials and we welcome the coming Sabbath.

It has been a week of squally weather and a little too cold to be comfortable but we are all well except Wright and we can stand the weather. We will hasten to bed

to bed, taking long looks to the westward. I am a fine fellow. Saturday January 7th

The first Sabbath of a new year has passed and my resolutions are as strong as ever. I feel greatly encouraged

and see others benefited by a good example with a fine good example. That the Lord is an avenger of prayer

is quite evident from the change that has taken place the last few months that has passed. It would be a pity to withhold prayer even though I did not need it.

Monday January 8th

I have the pleasure of recording two pleasant days in succession a circumstance that has not

occurred before for some time. Steering by the wind to the northward. Overhauling blocks and block straps

left, footlocks, tacking some of the staves. I shall keep busy on my miniature box and the carpenter on

his furniture in pleasant weather. Nothing in sight. Lat 46.30 W. 40 W.

Tuesday January 9th

I have to record the exit of another squally and cold disagreeable day though we have worked through the

frequent squall of small cold rain. If there were ever so many whales here I do not know what we

should do with them as it blows and rains the most of the time. The time will soon come when we shall leave for

better weather. We are all in a hurry to see the end of the season for we want to be on our last run a small packet