

Toward New Bedford

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1232
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Saturday April 26th 1856

1235
Had beautiful weather last night the latter part but the first part was celebrated for its hail squalls. The day was pleasant and the sun pleased us with his presence and dried the most of our clothes. In the morning watch the wind halled from S. to S. W. W. so we headed to the E. within 2 points of our course. ¹²³⁶ Lat 49. 50 South

Sunday April 27th

1237
We have had a noble breeze the most of the day and it has been pleasant with the exception of a few hail squalls. The breeze makes us feel that the distance is growing less and we are pleased to think we shall go to church with our ¹²³⁸ ~~Portly~~ ^{Portly} Ones the eighth Sabbath and if this is not enough feel cheerfully rich. I don't know what is

Monday April 28th

1239
During the night and forenoon we had as much wind as we could carry while topsails to from the S. E. with a heavy sea which made an island of the main hatch and try works. Dipped the main boat under and the gripe cut through the gunwale ribbing and 4 streaks. More maduration in the afternoon at 3 the dingy sails. ¹²⁴⁰ Clearing W. P. C. Lat 46. 38

Tuesday April 29th

1241
Wind strong from the S. to the W. Steering N. E. and E. with a carried out of the sails the most of the day, till the wind got with. Did not see the sun in time to determine our latitude. Can't find anything to write about. ¹²⁴² Dry times continuing as ever and the sea

Wednesday April 30th 1856

1243
Wind strong from the S. E. and pleasant. Clearing in P. M. Afternoon the afternoon it moderated and at 8 P. M. the weather. The M. hatches have been an island all day. So it may be easily imagined that she has rode some. ¹²⁴⁴ Lat 46. 00. Long 65. 50. Something West

Thursday May 1st

1245
My favourite month returns again with all its blessings. ¹²⁴⁶ ~~is~~ ^{will add} a more smile again in living beauty. The girls have added roses to their cheeks by rambling the pastures in search of May flowers and I hope their hearts will be as pure as the ¹²⁴⁷ ~~air~~ ^{air} is dotted with blossoms of spring. Another month under hope to be with them. Let us compare the present with the picture of pleasures that I have imagined of home. We have no foliage, flowers, or fountains to please us with their beauty or please cheer us with their smiles. But we have gales, rough and rainy weather as well as many other

inconveniencies. Still we are better off than many who sail on the big pond. About 10 A. M. saw a bark lying to under close reefed fore sail and storm sails who made a signal of distress. Ran for her and sent a boat on board at 11 and found it to be the Hoophandel of St. ¹²⁴⁸ ~~John~~ ^{John} Captain W. G. Stocker last from

1249
Paranaguá bound to Palparaiso. Last rider April 25th four topsails stove long boat and her monkey rail both sides from midships to right hand side. Ather damage; the boat returned and we sent him details of cordage, iron bolts and ring bolts and a 2 inch ¹²⁵⁰ ~~ladder~~ ^{ladder}. He sent us a letter for his owners with a draft of 250 dollars for us and left them at 1 o'clock with as much wind as we could stand under with double reefed topsails. The poor fellows are to be pitied as their temporary and old boat not work very well beside being in a leaky condition but we could do nothing more for them. They were to make a heavier rider immediately. Some danger for sailors. Gory to leave them so. ¹²⁵¹ Lat 46. 21. S.