

short his side saw a finback the first of the whale kind we have seen since we left home

Long 53:25 W
Lat 36:20 North

Thursday November 6 51 8 days out
All this day light winds from S & steering by the wind to the S & W under all sail employed at breaking out for water provisions and lumber saw a sail to the westward

Lat 35:40 S
Long 43:48 W

Friday Nov 7 51 10 days out
All this day strong winds from the Southward employed at putting some spare spars over the stern and bending a skew pole topmast staysail and getting up the gibbe guyes.

Lat 34:50 S
Long 52:30 W

Saturday Nov 8 1851 11 days out
All this day strong breeze from the Southward steering by the wind to the Eastward employed at fitting the boats for whaling saw a lady bark steering to the westward

Lat 34:40 S
Long 51:10 W

Sunday Nov 9 1851 12 days out
Commenced with strong winds with rain middle and latter part light winds from the N & W making the best of our way to the S & E saw a land bird which is something of a curiosity at sea a thousand miles from land

Lat 34:00 S
Long 48:10 W

Monday Nov 10 51 13 days out
Commenced with strong winds from N & steering S & under double reefed topsails and foresail at 4 P.M. the wind hauled & very light employed at mending scrubboon and fitting the boats

Lat 34:48 S
Long 42:30 W

Tuesday Nov 11 1851 14 days out
Commenced with strong breeze from E steering by the wind to the Southward had heavy squalls of wind and rain employed at common ships duty

Lat 34:40 S
Long 41:50 W

Bound Towards The Line

Wednesday November 12 14 days out
Commenced with strong winds from East steering by the wind to the Southward saw a sail to the westward steering to the North at 4 o'clock P.M. we tacked to the N & E under double reefed topsails at P.M. the wind hauled & tacked to the S & E we find we have a strong current setting to the North employed at fitting the cutting gear

Lat 34:30 S
Long 43:05 W

Thursday Nov 13 1851 16 days out
Commenced with fine breeze from N & steering by the wind to the S & E double part strong winds doubled reefed the topsails latter squally saw a sail to the N & W steering S & E one of the boats to the bobstays for the chase the boats crew

Lat 34:55 S
Long 41:50 W

our crew seems to be in good spirits more so than any crew I ever sailed with they are all young men and the most of them are from the country I reside I suppose under the eye of old and steady farmers But getting weary of the heavy drudgery of a farm they have started in quest of a fortune on the Big pond I hope they may be successful more so than I have been for better than 60 long years I have been seeking it for a fortune but some method of getting an honest living without being a slave to the rich But I cannot see as I am any nearer my object now than I was when I first started but as long I have life I have a right to hope

Friday Nov 14 1851 17 days out
Commenced with strong winds from N steering by the S & E at 3 o'clock A.M. hauled all hand to shorten sail furled the courses and mizen topsail close reefed the fore and double reefed the main topsails and set the spinnaker fastened down the hatches and made all secure for the night Middle part the same latter part light winds, heavy breeze S & under all sail

Lat 33:30 S Long 38:35 W