

Barque Smyrna of New Bedford.

Rainy.

Thursday Dec. 20th 1853.

Begins with light breezes from S. S. W. and rainy, steering E. with the main top gallant sail out, middle part strong breezes from the S. S. W. and squally with rain, latter part fresh breezes from the S. W. steering E. by S. with the main top gallant sail out.

So ends &c.

Lat. By obs. 35° 50'.

Long. By A. 56° 43' 30". Bar. 29.9.

Brig's Gale.

Wednesday Dec. 21st 1853.

Commences with fresh breezes from the S. W. steering E. by S. with the main top gallant sail out, saw a Brig steering about E. middle part strong breezes from the Westward and squally steering E. by S. under double reefed topsails and foresail, latter part strong gales from the Northward laying under a close reefed main topsail and fore spencer heading E. N. E.

So ends &c.

Lat. By obs. 35° 41'.

Long. By A. 55° 05' 15". Bar. 30.0.

Squally.

Thursday Dec. 22nd 1853.

Begins with strong breezes from the Northward and squally, steering E. under double reefed topsails and foresail, middle part fresh breezes from the N. N. E. heading to the Eastward under reefed topsails and courses, latter part fresh breezes from the N. E. and squally with rain, heading E. S. E. under whole topsails and courses, broke out for water and meat.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 35° 48'.

Long. By A. 53° 12' 30". Bar. 30.3.

Sail.

Friday Dec. 23rd 1853.

Commences with fresh breezes from N. E. and E. S. E. heading E. S. E. and S. E. under whole topsails and courses, middle part wind from the Eastward at 11 A. M. tacked to the N. E. latter part moderate breezes from the S. E. heading E. N. E. with the main top gallant sail and flying jib out, saw one sail. The watch employed breaking out and re-stowing the fore hold.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 35° 41'. Long. By A. 52° 43' 45". Bar. 30.3.

Towards the Azores. A. D. 1853.

Thunder & Lightning.

Saturday Dec. 24th 1853.

Begins with moderate breezes from the S. E. heading E. N. E. with the main top gallant sail out, at 6 P. M. a heavy thunder cloud came up from the leeward, made preparations for it, but it proved to be more rain than wind, middle part moderate breezes from the Westward, latter part fresh breezes from the S. W. steering E. N. E. with the main top gallant sail out.

So ends these 24 hours.

Lat. By obs. 36° 38'. Bar. 30.2.

Long. By A. at 10 A. M. 51° 26' 00".

Gale.

Stoven Boat.

Topmast Head.

Sunday Dec. 25th 1853.

Commences with strong breezes from the S. West with a bad sea running, steering E. N. E. at 6 P. M. double reefed the main topsail and furled the mainsail, middle part fresh gales from the S. W. and squally with rain steering E. N. E. under a close reefed main topsail, double reefed fore topsail and foresail, latter part wind and weather much the same steering E. by N. under the same sail, at 11 A. M. passed the remains of a stoven boat, at about noon passed the head of a topmast, for a Christmas dinner to-day we had hard bread, and butter, cheese and cold water.

So ends &c.

Lat. By D. R. 39° 20'.

Long. By A. 48° 47' 00". Bar. 30.0.

Strong Gale.

Monday Dec. 26th 1853.

Begins with fresh gales from the S. West and squally, steering E. by S. under a close reefed main topsail, double reefed fore topsail and foresail, middle part the wind increased to a strong gale from the S. top in the fore topsail and foresail, and have too heading to the E. S. E. latter part strong gales from S. and squally with a bad sea running, laying under a close reefed main topsail and fore topmast stowed heading to the E. S. E.

So ends &c.

Lat. By D. R. 38° 50'.

Long. By D. R. 47° 35' 00". Bar. 29.9.