

176. Bark Empress of New Bedford, Mass.

838. Between Decks. Tuesday March 25th 1856.
Begins with moderate breezes from S. S. E. heading to the S. W. with the main top gallant sail and flying jib out, middle part moderate, latter part light breezes from S. heading W. S. W. employed breaking out and re-stowing between decks, one sail in sight. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 41'. Long. By obs. 107° 13' 15".

839. Draco
Finback. Wednesday March 26th 1856.
Commenced with light breezes from S. heading W. S. W. and tared the fore top gallant and spanker rigging, saw the Bark Draco pass fog leeward, middle part very moderate, latter part light breezes from the Southward heading W. S. W. employed tarring and fitting the rigging, saw one finback. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 56'. Long. By obs. 106° 50' 45".

840. Two Sails. Thursday March 27th 1856.
Begins with very light breezes from the Southward and pleasant heading E. by S. employed squaring rattlines on the main rigging and doing other jobs, middle and latter part moderate breezes heading to the Eastward, saw a Merchant Brig and a whale ship. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 53'. Long. By obs. 107° 50' 00".

841. Tarring.
One Sail. Friday March 28th 1856.
Commenced with very light breezes from S. S. East heading to the Eastward the watch employed tarring, one sail in sight too windward, middle and latter part very moderate breezes heading to the Eastward and saw porpoises. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 32'. Long. By obs. 108° 22' 30".

842. One Sail. Saturday March 29th 1856.
Begins with very light airs from the Southward heading E. by S. the watch employed tarring and fitting rigging, saw one sail off our weather quarter, middle and latter part moderate breezes and pleasant heading from E. S. E. to S. E. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 42'. Long. at 11 A. M. By obs. 108° 49' 30". Lunar. 110° 19' 45". Long. By obs. at 3 P. M. 109° 03' 00".

177. Cruising off the West Coast of New Holland. 1856.

843. Signal. Sunday March 30th 1856.
Commenced with brisk breezes from West and increasing heading S. S. W. at 4 P. M. double reefed the topsails, saw a school of porpoises, middle part fresh gales from S. S. W. laying to the Westward under a double reefed main top sail and fore sail, latter part fresh breezes from S. S. W. heading to the Westward under double reefed topsails and courses, at 9 A. M. set our signal for a Bark that passed too windward of us but he did not answer it, therefore I cannot say who he is, (may good success attend him.) (Sun East.) So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 41'. Long. By obs. at 9 A. M. 108° 24' 15". Lunar. 109° 06' 45". By obs. at 3 P. M. 108° 29' 45".

844. Main Top sail. Monday March 31st 1856.
Begins with brisk breezes from the Southward heading E. S. E. under whole topsails and courses, a heavy swell heaving in from the S. S. W. middle part laying to the Westward under short sail, latter part light breezes from S. S. E. and pleasant heading to the Eastward, employing setting new cloths into the cotton main top sail. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 28'. Long. By obs. 109° 41' 30".

845. Sulphur Bottom. Tuesday April 1st 1856.
Commenced with very light breezes from the S. S. E. heading to the Eastward, employed sail repairing and saw a sulphur bottom, middle part laying to the Westward under easy sail, latter part light breezes from S. S. E. steering N. by S. the watch employed on the main top sail. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 32'. Long. By obs. at 1 P. M. 109° 10' 15". By Lunar. 109° 12' 45".

846. Barque. Wednesday April 2nd 1856.
Begins with light breezes from the Southward steering N. by S. under all sail, at sunset one sail in sight too windward, middle part laying under short sail, latter part light breezes from S. heading N. by S. finished repairing the main top sail and saw a whaling Bark too windward. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 36'. Long. By obs. 109° 58' 15".