

Thursday Dec 16th 1839

Fresh breeze from West ship under
pressed sail steering by the wind, WNW
at 2 P.M. was spoken by ship George
and Susan, wore ship, and headed South
at dark took in sail. I went on board of
the George and Susan, thinking to be an old
friend and acquaintance. I stepped on deck
looked, but he was not there. I asked where
he was, about two weeks ago they looked for
whales, all in good spirits, lively, they struck
the whale, and in striking secured fast
the short warp got foul over the head of
the boat, and stopped the boat on the whale,
and just the corner of his flukes came
down on his shoulder, apparently very light
but he did not live to get on board of the
ship, how uncertain is life, and happy is
the man that is prepared to die, but I
am very fearful that such men about these
parts are very few, accidents like that are liable
to happen any time, but with the most they
are soon forgotten, and it seems to me
sometimes, that if they can only get the whale
that is all they care about.
Middle and Latter part strong breeze
and rugged, at day light made sail
steer to the South at noon kept off
S.E.

thus ends,
Latitude 43° 23' South,
Longitude 159° 30' West.

Friday Dec 17th 1839

Strong breeze and rugged from West ship
under Sails, and covered steering E.S.E. at
2 P.M. lifted by the wind WNW at 3
foulle up the S Sails, and hauled making
sail, at dark hauled fore and mizen Sails,
saw three sail.

Middle and Latter part about the same,
Latitude 43° 52' South,
Longitude 160° 11' West.

Saturday Dec 18th

Strong breeze and rugged from South ship,
under double reefed S Sails, and fore sail
head WNW at dark hauled S Sails,
Middle part the same,
Latter part moderate and a heavy swell,
set all sail steer Westward, one sail
in sight, thus ends.

Latitude 43° 23' South,
Longitude 162° 20' West.

Sunday Dec 19th

Moderate breeze from WNW and of heavy
swell from S.E. all sail set heading
Westward, at 4 P.M. garn'd with the
William West, 3 whales.
Middle part strong breeze hauled light
sails and put two reefs in the S Sails
Latter part strong breeze and rugged
cloudy weather, let the raps out of the
top Sails: steered by the wind S.E.
thus ends. I wish I was at home, I have
spent the day very pleasant for me, have
not been ugly but once, what do you
say to that all, all.

Latitude 44° 27' South,
Longitude about 161° 30' West.