

Journal of a Voyage towards the NW Coast

Sunday 26th Dec 1843.

Came with gentle breezes from the North and fair weather Steering W. N. W. at 5 P.M. Made the Diego Ramirez W. N. by Compass at 8th took by bore NW about 18 miles Dist by Estimate Middle and latter part wind from W. N. W. to W. S. W. by the wind to the South and Barque in sight Lat by Obs 57° 10' Long 80° 05' fog cleared

Monday 25th Dec 1843.

Moderate breezes from W. S. W. by the wind to the South at 3 P.M. Colours and Ship and a Barque in sight showing French Colours at 10 P.M. a gentle breeze from the N.E. with thick weather latter part Colours and Barque in sight bore to the East.

Lat 57° 30' Long 80° 57' 54" W.

Tuesday 26th Dec 1843.

Came with Colours and sail in sight at 7 P.M. a light breeze from the NW. Middle part foggy thick weather latter part fine breeze from the North Steering N. by S to W. Lat 57° 52' Long 81° 00' W.

Wednesday 27th

Wind from N. by W Steering west foggy squally Middle part wind from the West by the wind to the S. W. Nor 2 P.M. headed to the NW at 7 P.M. headed to the East latter part wind hauled to the East headed West thick and rainy with rough sea

Lat by Obs 57° 17' Long 75° 00' W.

Thursday 28th Dec

Wind E. S. E. and thick Steering W. by N Middle and latter part fresh breeze and sun West thick at 7 P.M. Steered W. N. W. latter part fine breeze from the S. E. and rough sea Steering NW by W Lat 55° 09' Long 79° 00' W.

Remarks on Friday 29th Dec 1843

Fresh breezes from the S. E. E. and clearing Steering NW at 3 P.M. the wind hauled to the NW. Tacked to the W. S. W. at 5 P.M. spoke the Ship New York full banana ham or 8 P.M. spoke the Ship Java of St. John N. B. Cutting a sperm whale. Tacked to the NW by N Lat 55° 38' Long 80° 00' W.

Saturday 30th Dec

All these 24 hours moderate winds from W. to N. W. by the wind to the NW at 8 P.M. Tacked to the W. N. W. latter part light air from the N. W. and fair weather by the wind to the W. N. W. painted the Boat for the new work S. E. Lat 55° 22' Long 80° 40' W.

Sunday 31st Dec 1843.

Commenced with light winds from the North by the wind to the W. N. W. at 8 P.M. wind N. E. Steered N. W. latter part fine breeze from East heading N. W. saw finback wholly Lat 56° 18' Long 81° 00' W.

Monday 1st January 1844.

All these 24 hours light airs from the S. E. Steering North at 10 P.M. an 2 sail in sight Steering to the North Lat 56° 50' 09' S Long 80° 10' W.

Tuesday 2nd January 1844.

Commenced with light airs from the S. E. and some hot clearing Steering N. by W Middle and latter part strong winds from S. to W. S. W. and thick squally weather Steering N. by W one Ship in sight of L. B. M. by Lat 56° 45' Long 80° 00' W.