Remarkes on Board Bark Sun at Sea. Capt. Thos. Smith

Friday February 23d.

23. This day begins with cloudy weather and a strong breze from the S.W.
" Ship Steering S.E by E. under all sail. watch engaged at various jobs.
" t day is washington birth day: and we have been celebrating it by trying
" to catch sonus. About 9 A.M. wind hauled to the S. carried away the
" Studdingsail Helyards: clewd up Fore & main Top Gallant sails. set the
" mainsail. 4 P.M. called the watch. 10 ends this day. Lat 43.42 S. Long 67.00 E.

Saturday February 25d.

25 This day begins with fine weather and a strong breeze from the S.S.W.
" Ship Steering S.E by E. under all sail: watch engaged. Washing &c.
" About 7 A.M. carried away the Fore Topgallant helyards. (nothing
" uncommon in this Ship to part the old rope) 11 A.M. broke out for
" oil in the mainhatch: at 11 A.M. wind hauled to the W.S.W. square yards
" the Yards set the Studdingsails. 3 P.M. washed Ship: weather some-
" what squally. 4 P.M. called the watch clewd up Fore & main gallants
" and got Supper 10 ends this day. Lat 43.47 S. Longaitude 71.00 East.

Sunday February 24th.

24 This day begins with a strong breze from the S.W. and cloudy
" weather. Ship steering S.E by E. under all sail. watch employed
" at Reading and other small jobs. About 10 A.M. this morning
" I was somewhat surprised by the sudden transportation of
" Mr. H. Perry from the berth above me into my own beneath him
" with the crash of a thunder bolt: luckily for me he happened
" to have changed ends with his bed: or the big horse would
" have killed me and I should not have been left to have
" narrated this epistle. About the same time Mr James Cooper
" translated himself down into the berth below him with
" the same effects this forenoon we repaired the damage
" and are all right once more. At 9 A.M. we set the Studding-
" sails. at 3 took in Topmast and lower Studdingsail: clewd
" up the Fore Topgallantsail. clewd down Fore Topsail and put
" two reefs into it: hauled down the mizzen Topmast staysail.
" furled the mainsail. 4 P.M. called the watch pumped
" Ship. we shipped one sea this afternoon that set the things
" flying about decks at a curious rate for a few moments.
" After 4 P.M. got the altitude from the Captain and found
" that to night about 12 O Clock we should pass the Island
" of St. Paul or Amsterdam which lies in the Longaitude
" of 77.52 E. 10 ends this day. Lat. 43.42 S. Longaitude 75.32 E

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Monday February 25th

25 This day begins with cloudy weather and a fresh gale from
" the S.W. Ship steering S.E. by E before the wind under close
" reefed Fore & main Top sails. Foresail & Fore Spencer. watch are
" loafing about decks and taking their turns at the wheels.
" the breze continues strong and squally: the seas are running
" mountains high (as the old saying is) and our ship is as
" unsteady as an eel out of water. Sometimes the sea breaks
" over us and fills the deck full and then there is some
" curious manuvers I assure you. 4 P.M. called the watch
" pumped Ship: then got Supper 10 ends this day. Lat. 43.42 S
Long. 80.00 East.

Tuesday February 26th.

26 This day begins with fine weather and a strong breze from the
" S.W. Ship's steering S.E by E. before the wind under all sail.
" watch employed at various jobs. About noon after several
" unsuccessfull attempts to get a Porpoise we succeeded in getting
" one: and it was about the handsomest fish I ever saw. His
" back was of a blackish cast and sides as white as chalk
" and as clean as if they had been painted. We had some
" of its liver for Supper: and it tasted good after living on
" salt junk for almost four months. After dinner broke out fo
" wood in the mainhatchway. About 3 P.M. took in the Studdingsails
" 4 P.M. called the watch and pumped Ship. 7 P.M. hauled up
" the Fore Spencer. clewd down Foretopsail and double reefed it.
" and hauled in the Studdingsail boom. 10 ends this day
" after some rolling and tumbling about. Lat. 42.32 S. Long 84.00 E

Wednesday February 27th.

27 This day begins with rugged weather and a moderate gale from
" the S.W. Ship steering S.E by E. under close reefed Fore & main topsail
" reefed Foresail. Fore staysail & Fore Spencer. watch trying to keep dry.
" About One this morning shipped a sea which carried away the
" Larboard Boat with all the whaling apperatus besides the
" davits: rocked the lineter off the top of the House and kicked
" up the old Harry himself generally. About 12 shipped another
" sea which swept the men about decks somewhat to their
" surprise as well as fright. It took the Cooper and landed him
" from the brake of the quarter Deck into the Cabin gangway
" over turned the Table in the Cabin broke all the Plates
" Tumblers &c besides filling it with water and totaled it also