

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, of

Lat 26.10 N Lon 142.28 E Friday April 18th 1862
Moderate variable northeasterly wind Forepart and middle by the wind on the starboard tack At one o'clock P.M. saw Coffin's island one of the Benin group. Latterpart heading N.E.W. Carrying topgallant sails

Lat 27.16 Lon 141.43 Saturday 19th
Forepart light northeasterly wind, heading N.E.W.
Latterpart light variable winds from N.E. to S.W. steering north Carrying all sail.

Lat 28.39 Sunday 20th
Forepart and middle light variable southerly winds
Latterpart moderate variable westerly winds
Steering north Carrying topgallant sails

Lat 30.50 Lon 142.12 Monday 21st
Forepart and middle moderate northeasterly winds
The ship by the wind on the starboard tack, carrying topgallant sails Latterpart, wind easterly Steering north

Lat 32.40 Lon 141.37 Tuesday 22nd
Forepart and middle light southerly winds Steering N Carrying topgallant sails Latterpart steering N by W

Lat 35.10 Wednesday 23rd
Forepart strong southerly winds steering N by W, N.W. and W.N.W.
About 10 o'clock I fell down the island of St. John, ahead, the ship at that time being close hauled on the port tack heading N by N
The wind at that time being quite light Between 1 and 2 P.M. the wind died away and sprang up from the N.E. squared the yards and ran along the coast about a S.W. course till 4 o'clock P.M. then hauled by the wind on opposite tacks the remainder of the day Carrying prudent sail throughout

Lat 35.00 Lon 140.41 Thursday 24th
Light variable winds During the daylight working along the coast of St. John to the S.W. and during the night on opposite tacks by the wind The ship under all sail
Got the larboard anchor off of the bow and bent the chain

Bedford, Bound on a Cape Horn whaling voyage.

Lat 35.02 N Lon 140.48 E Friday April 25th 1862
Forepart light, latterpart mistaking strong southerly winds. The ship on opposite tacks by the wind working along the coast of St. John toward Cape Horn Carrying prudent sail throughout

Lat 34.50 Lon 140.42 Saturday 26th
Forepart strong southerly winds On opposite tacks, under easy sail At noon the wind died away and sprang up again from the N.E. we then made all sail and steered W for Cape Horn (which was in sight) till 7 P.M. then hauled by the wind on opposite tacks and took in the light sails

Sunday 27th
Forepart moderate easterly wind At daylight steered about W for Cape Horn, passed it, and hauled to the northward about 10 N into Fido Gulf. At that time the wind hauled to the northward kept on up the Gulf on opposite tacks till about 5 P.M. then laid aback on opposite tacks under topsails the weather being thick and rainy and no pilot to be seen. At about 10 the wind blew strong, doubled reefed the topsails At 11 P.M. whilst furling the mainsail saw land on the lee bow and put the helm up to wear around Whilst wearing the ship struck on the bottom, blew up all the sails and furlled them

Monday 28th
Commenced with strong northerly wind The ship aground on the west shore of Fido Gulf Made all preparation to run a kedge anchor to leave her off shore by At daylight the wind was moderate, ran the kedge, and started water in order to lighten her After noon we buoyed the larboard anchor and took sixty fathoms of chain in the hoist and ran it off shore and let it go, hove in on the chain and hawser and she floated at high water which was about 8 P.M. kept on heaving and till we got to the anchor and kedge which was about 10 o'clock P.M. Employed the rest of the day running the kedge and heaving up the anchor again Latterpart light wind