

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, of

Tuesday April 29th 1862

Commenced with light northerly winds. Hove in on the hawser to the kedge and let go the larboard anchor in five fathoms of water at one o'clock A.M. About 8 A.M. took the kedge. At 1 P.M. took the anchor and got underway. At 2 P.M. took a pilot. Latter part light southerly wind. Working up the Gulf.

Wednesday 30th

Commenced nearly calm with variable catspans of wind and so continued until about noon when a smart southerly breeze sprang up which enabled us to run up to Yokohama and come to an anchor with the larboard anchor in five fathoms of water at 2 P.M. Latter part the wind about the same.

Thursday May 1st 1862

Moderate southerly winds. The ship laying at an anchor at Yokohama. Took 100 lbs of water from the water boat.

Friday 2nd

Middling strong winds in the A.M. from the southwest. In the P.M. from the northeast. Taking fresh water on board.

Saturday 3rd

Is Sunday here. Forepart middling strong northeasterly wind. Middle and latter part more moderate and more to the eastward. Took on board fifty sacks of sweet potatoes at Yokohama.

Sunday 4th

Forepart, light variable easterly winds, middle, light southerly wind. Took on board some potatoes. About 3 P.M. the cabin came on board, took the anchor, and made all sail. Bent out of the harbor and part of the way down the Gulf at 9 P.M. when the wind failed, the tide turned unfavorably, and the night being quite dark, we came to with the larboard anchor on the west side of the Gulf near Webster's island in 18 fathoms of water. Cleared up all of the sails and furled the light ones. Nearly calm the remainder of the day.

Redford. Bound on a Cape Horn whaling voyage.

Monday 5th 1862, May

Commenced nearly calm. About 5 P.M. took the anchor and made sail, with a light northerly wind. Steering down the Gulf to the southward, middle variable winds and light. Latter part a moderate southeasterly breeze. At the mouth of the Gulf beating out.

Lat 34, 51 N

Tuesday 6th

Moderate southeasterly winds. Forepart the ship on opposite tack, latter part steering northeast, with all sail. Stowed the anchors, unbent and stowed the chains.

No observation

Wednesday 7th

Forepart and middle, moderate, southeasterly wind. Steering N.E. Latter part, light variable southwesterly wind. Steering N.E. Carrying all sail throughout the day.

Lat 38, 25 north

Thursday 8th

Forepart light southerly wind, middle strong N.W. wind. Latter part moderate southwesterly breeze, steering N.E. throughout the day. Under prudent sail.

Lat 38, 33 N Lon 146, 49 E

Friday 9th

Forepart middling strong northerly wind. Middle and latter part a variable southerly wind, quite moderate. Steering N.E. and carrying prudent sail throughout.

Lat 41, 12 Lon 148, 34

Saturday 10th

Forepart and middle, moderate southeasterly wind, under all sail, latter part rather more wind, under topsails. Steering N.E.

Lat 43, 28 Lon 150, 23

Sunday 11th

Forepart strong southeasterly wind. Ship under prudent sail. Middle and latter part a moderate breeze from the southward and westward. The ship under all sail. Steering northeast throughout.