

A Private Journal Kept Onboard The Ship Trident

Remarks on board Thursday August 31st 1848

These 24 hours commences with small winds from the North East & thick cloudy weather. Two whales in sight but we can't catch them, looking at them appears to be as fast. May fortunes smiles once more meet us before we all go away, in this part of the world. Midst & latter part to no small wind from the N.E. fair weather. Saw plenty of black fish fair backs & hump backs &c. So ends the month of August without getting a fish.

Lat 45° 15' N Long 150° 10' E

Remarks on board Friday Sept 1st 1848

Commences with moderate winds from the N.E. and fair weather. At the westward saw an old cutting tub, afloat, latter part steering to the East chased for whales, but could not get near them twice Saturday with the same success so there we go for the Islands kept at this part by lost this eye sight, growing worse daily concluded to seek medical aid. So ends this day. No Observations.

Remarks on board Monday Sept 4th

First part of this day we have fresh winds & rainy weather, steering due East, the midst & latter parts much the same but the fly jib & got the standing gear booms aloft. So ends this day.

Lat 44° 16' N Long 151° 31' W

Remarks on board Wednesday Sept 6th

Fresh winds from the West & fair weather first part. Midst & latter parts moderate winds & steering E. employed in mending Old sails, sent the main key aloft & set a new Muzzel top gallant sail, so ends

Lat 43° 44' N Long 156° 11' W

On The Coast of Kamtschatka by S. St. Norton

Remarks on board Sunday September 10th 1848

These 24 hours commences with fresh winds from the Westward. Steering due East, with the main key aloft got it Old Trident to the land of Eastern Russia, for I am all most started. Midst & latter part strong gales with squalls of rain. Sent the main key aloft down. I had a dream this forenoon which I will record. It looks reasonable enough to be true. It appeared that I had just got home after this long voyage, & found the folks all well. (I am quite that such may be my case in his own due time). I thought A.D. was at Father Mary & Lucy and you & about the first thing I enquired of the boys, and some of them told me that Richard was in the Sky, John in the Sun, Charles in the L. Deckmond, well said I where is Sharon as we used to call him? in the Sky & Shoemaking, both the Old gentleman glad was I to see him, asked if he had got married, he said he but I should have been if I could have the girl I wanted, & well said I I have got enough of Whaling too, so I will go to Shoemaking, which I think yes and know is as much happier a life to lead than whaling as light is from dark night.

Oh my long left & dearly loved friends when you will the day arrive that I shall enjoy a meeting with you, if I am not sick of this world I mean. & why because I am depressed of all most all the shipwrecks that are calculated to make me happy in this life. To say I have been a seaming Badger Street, which only made me feel more sick, I think of past happy days but we are a coming fast, I am not without excuse as I have been to the Kamtschatka Islands, where I hope to have from home for the first time in two of the longest years that I ever made salt water, and I am going to be here and how I long to see the crew more, as I have not seen thee, but for a certain we all things in this sweet full world, may find Providence just as I want it. I am sure to meet in the town of him. Lat 43° 55' N Long 157° 20' W