

16 I do not know. At all events a gale sprang up about a week after we parted which parted the two vessels and we have not seen her since.

Tuesday 14 Oct 56

Fine weather. Heading S.W. with good 3 or 4 knot breeze. I believe the ^{Trades} ~~Trades~~ ^{tomorrow at daylight we are just 60 days out from New York} there is nothing of great consequence to be noted it may be well to give a brief account of our vessel. The Wave is a bark of about 200 tons burden or large enough to carry 1000 bbls of oil. She carries the usual sail of a bark viz: ~~the~~ jib, Flying jib, Fore top ~~sail~~ - stay sail, Fore sail, Fore top sail, Fore top gullant sail, main sail, maintop sail, ~~main~~ ^{main} top gullant sail, ~~and~~ ^{main} spencer and spanker and Gaff top sail. She has a main royal yard but no royals bent. A week or two ago a maintop gullant, stay sail and Mizen top mast stay sail were rigged in order to enable us to get to the Horn a little sooner than otherwise. We have had all sail set night and day for many weeks. The little bark (she is not larger than many Schooners) is not

17 a crack sailed but still a very fair one. It is unjust to compare her speed with the vessels that we meet now on our outwards passage as they are merchantmen and in the trades carry every stick of Canvas that they can crack on.

Saturday 18th Oct 1856

Heading about S.W. - making good time before the Trades as at the last date. I was speaking of our vessel. The ship's company is made up as follows: Capt; 1st, 2^d + 3^d mates; 2 Boatsteers or Harpooners; one in the Starboard + one in the Larboard Watch; there is besides the Steward who is a good sailor & can strike a whale therefore counts for a third Boatsteerer: the cooper, quite an important and Cabin Boy. All then live "up": the Capt + 3 officers in the Staterooms + Cabin and the others in the storeroom: they all mess at one table as is usual on board whalers. There are fifteen foremast hands who do all the work of the vessel and not for any particular trade or business: also there are two Carpenters and the Cook who making in all 16 hands who sleep