

1842

Journal of the Whale Ship W Thompson

Remarks on board the William Thompson
 At 9.30 Having all hands on board got underway
 with a fine Breeze from the North West
 at 11.30 at. ch. the Pilot left us at 12
 reached the Mouth of Buzzards Bay
 and passed out to Sea. Stood. & Anchored
 And unbent the Cables. The Green hands
 were all Sick by this time Dick made out
 to feed them Slaps Lacks at Supper time
 The Old Sailors were all Blue before
 we left Buzzards Bay

Thursday October 20 Continued fine Breeze
 from the North West. Shining & with
 all hands busily engaged in Hoisting
 away and fixing Whale Gear at 5 P.M.
 passed the Narrows. Welland distant
 by ^{Estimation} Chronometer 12 Miles. Got Altitudes
 for the Chronometer and found them
 correct. Strong Breezes during the night
 strong S.E. and S.W. under all Sails
 the Men all working at the Whale Gear
 some just getting over their sickness
 sent a man to Chain Tole for the first
 time to look out for Whales - Lat by Obs
 39. 16 N. Long. 68. 51 W. by Chronometer

Friday October 21 -
 Fresh Gale throughout. Lay to in the
 Topgallentails. Double Reefed the Topsails
 passed a great quantity of G. Weed Saw a
 sail to the Southward. Working to the S.E.
 all the sails were grinding and sharpening
 the harpoon and Lances getting all
 ready to strike and secure the fish
 Whale we shall see Saw a great many
 Land Birds many of them nested on
 our rigging. Many was running boxes and
 Bales running in all directions were all
 busily engaged in Hoisting and making
 things secure Lat by Account 38. 25 N
 Long. by Account 68. 10 West