

Journal of Ship William Thompson

Tuesday October 25-1842

This is the first fine day we have had since we left, the weather is quite calm, seen a number of black birds but did not trouble our heads about them, a calm day at sea is not pleasant after all it brings a great many melancholy reflections with it, if you have committed a fault in leaving your friends or home it is impressed on your mind more on a calm day than any other. In fact we poor creatures require to keep moving, something to occupy the mind, but away with sad thoughts we must not look on the gloomy side of Picture A. Whale A Whale the Kingdom for a Whale - Wind dead ahead, unpleasant weather, not much doing on board to day saw a great quantity of sea weed

Latitude. 38.11 N.
Long by Chron 54.18

Wednesday October 26-42

Like for the girls we left behind, Beloved one, the Dearest Charlotte E. Betty memory still hangs around me like the dew on the rose, bud, asleep or awake thy image hangs around me, God bless for thou dost not belong to this imperfect earth for the gods have selected me from amongst many to worship at thy feet the days I have been banished from thy sight seem ages, Oh that I could look on thee once more, If I was possessed with the wealth of Kings I would give it for one smile from thee, when first we met

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beauty took possession of my heart. I thought it only a fancy, but how much the heart may be deceived, a few evenings in your Charming Society told a different tale, I then found that life without you was a mere shadow but I am wandering from my proper subject feelings so refined as these are not fit for a ships Journal but it is an old saying with sailors that what is in must come out - so it is with me. Fresh gales from S.E. heading E. N. E. under double reefed Topsails saw a ship to leeward heading to the S.

Latitude by Obs 36.41 N
Longi - 54.15 W

Thursday October 27

Continues fresh gales from S.E. heading to the E. N. E. under double reefed Topsails The boats are all ready for Whaling we are all ready anticipation every man is wishing for a whale of any kind, just to try what we can do. The most amusing piece of work I have seen since I came on board was to day, James John & Hailey cutting up Duff he sat in state surrounded by the pairs of various dimensions there was three large Duffs to be divided into twenty parts he had a supernumerary who took care of two Duffs while John cut up the other, the aforementioned gentleman not being over and above particular took them up in his hand and put them up on his dirty pants to keep sundry young men from sticking their paws as he termed them, into the Duffs there was a good deal of cursing about that, for this Chap having the biggest piece