

1843 Journal of Ship William Thompson
Feb 12

Sunday February 12th 1843

Light breeze and fine weather, what a horrid expense the same old song every day I am quite sick of it my self, Nothing happens to put into a Journal now a days, Not one false alarm this week, It is getting quite dull we must strike up something soon, The only thing I enjoy is the moon light nights which beat anything of the kind I have ever seen, Carpenter is going on about the same makes sketches for the edification of his numerous friends in the fore-castle and cabin junk as usual

Longitude 85° 35' W
Latitude 10° 16' S

Monday February 13th 1843

The trades are improving in strength the wind is blowing quite a nice breeze, going along fairly about five knots all hands on deck this afternoon engaged in different ways some painting ship, others bending a fore top sail, Cooper and Carpenter both at work, Must not forget the Blacksmith who is quite a man of letters to look at him now a person might be led into error, But we must not judge the Book by the Cover as Mr. Norton says

Longitude 89° 00' W
Latitude 9° 11' S
Tuesday February 14th 1843

Strong trades and pleasant weather have going about eight knots these twenty four hours Carpenter

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has got all right in so we must a little very soon. Went at work mending sails Bent a fore sail took down the new one and put up an old one, all hands are well except Gifford who is still about the same he wants to get on shore very much very gloomy thin he will get out one of these fine mornings, I had a number of Lying Lish to be seen in all directions, I have finished painting the ship out size

Longitude 89° 20' W
Latitude 9° 30' S

Wednesday February 15th 1843

Good breeze and clear weather plenty to eat and nothing to do I mean in the whaling line, Men busy mending sails, Bent an old main top sail and put the new one away for Cape Horn hope we will have use for it in about twenty months at least, all hands doing well Mr. Norton says I hope don't eat much, he poor man is about the same weight as when we left Bedford with some fifty pounds to be added

Longitude 92° 14' W
Latitude 9° 7' S

Thursday February 16th 1843

The trades are quite decent, and weather beautiful but no whales, we are now getting in the right place expect to make some harvest soon Men busy in rigging, Blacksmith and Cooper at work, The Carpenter is going along as a good job begins to be quite useful Mr. Baker is getting over his illness and will