

16 Remerks On Board the Ship West of New

Sunday Dec 11th 1853

First part fine wind from N.W. by E. and pleasant steering S.E. by W. all sail out the watch employ in ship duties Middle and latter parts fresh breeze at N.W. and steady at 11 A.M. in the light sail and D.R. top sails steering S.E. by W. saw nothing so ends this day
Latitude Obs. 46-12 S
Longitude Obs. 81-58 W

Monday Dec 12th 1853

First part strong wind from N.W. by S steering S.E. by W. by the wind saw nothing Middle and latter parts light airs from S.E. by E. and pleasant at then cool weather steering by the wind on both tacks saw a great many finbacks nothing more the carpenter and blacksmith employ in rigging a cutting stage so ends this day
Latitude Obs. 45-35 S
Longitude Obs. 81-18 W

Tuesday Dec 13th 1853

First part part light squalls air from E. S. E. and S. E. steering S. S. W. saw grampas broke out slops for the Portuguese Middle and latter parts comes with moderate breeze at N.W. steering S. E. by W. all sail out at 1 P.M. the wind freshens in top gallant and single reefed top sails the wind increasing so finbacks so ends this day
Latitude Obs. 44-25 S
Longitude Obs. 83-03 W

Wednesday Dec 14th 1853

First part strong gale from N.W. by N. and pleasant steering S.W. by S. and D.R. main and close reefed fore top sail from sail by 8 A.M. the ship moistening her decks masts and then Middle and latter parts light air from W. S. W. and variable steering by the wind to South the watch employ in ship duties picked up an oar painted blue and marked on the blade S. Louisiana so ends this day
Latitude Obs. 44-23 S
Longitude Obs. 83-03 W

Thursday Dec 15th 1853

First part calm with thick fog the watch employ in ship duties Middle and latter parts light air and calm steering W. by S by the wind the watch employ in ship duties saw nothing
Latitude Obs. 44-26 S
Longitude Obs. 83-31 W

Bedford Outward Board off River Platte

Friday Dec 16th 1853

First part light air from S. S. W. and smooth water fine weather at 2 P.M. raised a large school of large sperm whales going slow at 3 P.M. lowered star, fore and main boats the main boat went on and scared them the rest did not get near them came on board at 6 P.M. Middle and latter parts light air from W. and N.W. steering by the wind on both tacks fine weather saw nothing the watch employ in ship duties
Latitude Obs. 44-29 S
Longitude Obs. 83-28 W

Saturday Dec 17th 1853

First part fresh breeze from N.W. by N. and pleasant steering W. by S. by the wind saw finbacks the watch employ in ship duties Middle and latter part fresh breeze from N.W. and pleasant steering by the wind on both tacks saw a finback unbent the main sail to mend it so ends this day
Latitude Obs. 45-25 S
Longitude Obs. 86-42 W

Sunday Dec 18th 1853

First part fresh breeze at S.W. by W. and good weather steering by the wind on opposite tacks gave putting bent the main sail Middle and latter parts fresh breeze from N.W. by N. and pleasant ship going N.W. by N. all sail out saw grampas so ends this day
Latitude Obs. 45-18 S
Longitude Obs. 88-18 W

Monday Dec 19th 1853

First part moderate breeze from N.W. by N. and good weather steering S.W. by S. all sail out Middle and latter parts light variable air from W. S. W. and thick fog ship on both tacks under whole topsails and foresails at 9 A.M. the fog thick saw the ship Gov. Troup close to windward spoke her and the Capt. Milton came on board and got a letter she had seen sperm whales but got nothing 4 P.M. out so ends this day
Latitude Obs. 45-18 S
Longitude Obs. 88-23 W

Tuesday Dec 20th 1853

First part light air from N.W. the Gov. Troup yawning with us exchanging hats crew with them at 11 P.M. the fog lifted spoke the ship Adeline Gibbs of 98 tons from N.B. clear had not seen the spirit of a whale yet at 8 P.M. broke up the game and brack sprang head N.E. by E. light sails in Middle and latter parts fresh breeze from N.W. and pleasant steering by the wind to N.W. by N. saw grampas nothing more so ends this day
Latitude Obs. 45-18 S
Longitude Obs. 88-08 W