

Remarks On Board Ship Wm Wirt of New

Thursday Sept. 21st 1854

First part fine breeze from W.S.W. and overcast weather. Steering N.W. by N. all sail out. Middle and latter part's light breezes from S.W. and steering S.E. by S. saw nothing. The watch employ in cleaning the ship. Thus ends this day. Lat. by Obs 56.25. Long by Chron 140.10 E.

Friday Sept. 22nd 1854

All this 24. hour a light breeze from S.W. and pleasant steering S.E. by S. employ in ships duties mending the fore top sail saw finbacks thus ends this day. Lat. by Obs 56.25. Long by Chron 140.10 E.

Saturday Sept. 23rd 1854

First part a light breeze from W.S.W. and fine weather steering N.W. by N. all sail out saw a ship to S.W. and Middle and latter part's a fresh breeze from W.S.W. and pleasant steering S.E. employ in ships duties saw a sail nothing more. Thus ends this day. Lat. by Obs 57.30. Long by Chron 141.30 E.

Sunday Sept. 24th 1854

First part a light breeze from W.S.W. with fine weather ship going S. employ in ships duties saw a sail nothing more. Middle and latter part's a light breeze from S.W. and pleasant weather steering by the wind from S.W. and saw a sail the ship off the gulf of St. Lawrence Cape Olvin to S.E. by E. Thus ends this day. Lat. by Obs 58.40 N. Long by Chron 142.12 E.

Monday Sept. 25th 1854

First part light airs from N.W. by N. and S.W. steering S.E. by S. in the gulf saw 1 sail. Middle and latter parts light airs and calm working at S. ward for the land saw 1 sail no whale. The watch employed in ships duties thus ends this day.

Tuesday Sept. 26th 1854

First part light airs and calm ship working to S.E. ward in the gulf. Middle and latter parts light airs and calm working up the gulf very slowly the watch employ in ships and drying the Bone saw no whale thus ends this day.

Wednesday Sept. 27th

First part gentle airs from W. ward steering S.E. by E. for Cape Olvin spoke the Bark Raja & 20 Bells this season got a raft of cash ready to send on shore for water. Middle and latter part's light variable airs and some fog saw Cape Olvin the ship making little headway to S.E. by E. saw 1 sail and plenty of Seal fish.

Bedford cruising in the Ochotsk Sea Sept 1854

Thursday Sept. 28th 1854

First part light variable airs with some fog saw the land the Isle of St. N. N. E. the ship working by it makes little progress saw devilfish. Middle and latter part's light airs from N.W. ward at 3 P.M. saw the land to N. at 4 P.M. in thick fog the ship laying aback on both tacks thus ends this day. Lat. by Act 58.48

Friday Sept. 29th 1854

First part light breeze from N.W. by N. at 4 P.M. the fog lifts saw the land about 8 miles dist. stood in and at 5 o'clock saw Cape Olvin at 7 the Cape bore N.W. ward ship and steered S.E. bound right whaling rather short for wood and water. Middle and latter parts light breezes N.W. ward and overcast weather steering S.E. by E. all sail out saw nothing thus ends this day. Lat. by Obs 59.50 N. Long by Chron 152.43 E. Error

Saturday Sept. 30th 1854

First part light variable airs from N.W. ward pleasant weather steering S.E. by E. saw 2 whale did not ascertain what kind. Middle and latter parts fresh breeze from W.S.W. and pleasant steering S.E. by S. all sail out saw nothing thus ends this day. Lat. by Obs 56.50 N. Long by Chron 154.52 E. Error

Sunday Sept. Oct. 1st 1854

First part fresh breeze from W. by S. and pleasant steering S.E. by S. at 3 P.M. raised a Right Whale lower 3 boats the Star Boat struck the Iron broke and lost him 130 Blb whale at 6 P.M. shortened sail to 2 close reefed top sails and fore sail. Middle and latter part's fresh breezes from S.W. with a short chop sea overcast weather at 6 P.M. saw 2 Right Whale the Lar. and West Boats each struck one of the lines parted and the other's Iron broke the Star boat parted the whales went to wind and took chase and the Star boat while going on one of them got badly stove got on board and at 10 o'clock gave the whales up thus ends this day. No Obs

Monday Oct. 2nd 1854

First part fresh breeze from S.W. by S. the whale in sight the ship working to windward for them all hands employ in fitting a new Boat for the Star. cranes put the lower one overhead at 6 P.M. shortened sail to S.W. top sails and set 4 water. Middle and latter part's strong wind from S.W. ward ship on both tacks under short sail saw a bark to leeward thus ends this day.