

Wednesday December 5th Commenced with strong breezes from S.E. Ship heading NW by W and going 7 knots. Mr. Perry began today to make a show for the purpose of landing lumber on San Francisco. It looks rather small for the purpose but I suppose it will answer. Nothing worth mentioning happened in the AM. P.M. Wind light, weather fair. Crew employed in setting up the main rigging and other humbugging jobs. Nothing new or strange. (Lat 17° 20' South) (Long 88° 50' West)

Thursday December 6th Commenced with light winds from S.E. Ship heading NW by W and going along slowly through the water. Crew employed in setting up the rigging and humbugging round. Saw nothing remarkable except the appearance of the fog which had the most peculiar look I ever noticed. It was clouded over with a kind of haze, which gave it the appearance of a pond frozen over and the ice cracked in different places. It was natural to the better. And a light would give some way to see. (Lat 15° 39' South) (Long 90° 40' West)

Friday December 7th Commenced with light winds & fair weather & so continues. This day will be long remembered by the Officers & crew of Ship Mrs. Coffin as the Birth day of Mr. Heath one of our number. The evening was celebrated in the Cabin by drinking some excellent Champagne giving Toasts to &c. After seeing things through in shape in the Cabin, Mr. Heath, Mr. Chandler & myself adjourned to the fore-castle, to see what kind of a time they were having there. We found them wide awake for fun. Having had just enough Cognac to get them in a laughing mood. We had some first rate songs & music on fiddle & accordion & after stopping there an hour we adjourned to our staterooms, where old Samson had as soon in his embrace. The day was also made memorable by the breaking out of some humor (it should be "Flames"! ) To us, who never are left alone, have had nothing to let but tainted Salt Beef & Pork. These will prove quite a treat. (Lat 15° 47' South) (Long 92° 52' West)

Saturday December 8th 1849 Commenced with strong winds from S.E. Ship heading NW by W going along fairly. Raised a sail at 5 am. which afterwards proved to be the Ship Master of Boston bound to San Francisco, which we left in Valparaiso on the 26th Inst. How she got caught is God only knows. Had Ham for breakfast this morning and it proved a nice treat at least to judge from the quantity eaten which was something less than a whole one. How soon we shall get any more I don't know. Nothing else remarkable happened. (Lat 12° 38' South) (Long 94° 50' West)

Sunday December 9th 1849 Commenced with light winds from S.E. milder & latter parts much the same. The Master on our weather quarter. Hull down, and rather falling astern at that. I think, give us strong winds, and the faster sail the carries we could outtail her with on a Southerly, or before it. This day at sea, is always the longest, besides being the best. Pleasant of any since there is nothing doing on board ship, all are obliged to amuse themselves, with nothing to take up their attention. A "Strong Petrel" (alias) "another (Carr) Chicken" flew on board the day or rather tonight and one of the Officers came near stepping on it, but did not. I believe. We caught one Ship Jack (a fish) to day and had a fry for dinner. (Lat 10° 55' South) (Long 96° 40' West)

Monday December 10th 1849 Commenced with light winds from S.E. Ship heading NW by W. Nothing remarkable happened except we had Ham fried for breakfast quite a rarity. The crew engaged on the rigging and painting ship, preparatory to entering the S.E. Trades, which on this side the Land, blow so strong as not to allow any thing of the kind being done while in them, or rather under their influence. (Lat 9° 36' South from Bowditch's or the line) (Long 98° 07' West from Greenwich)

Tuesday December 11th 1849 Commenced with light winds from S.E. Ship heading NW by W. Ship Master still in sight to the eastward. Crew employed this day on the rigging and picking Okum. Nothing remarkable happened that I saw or heard of. All well. The crew now been going over two weeks without starting tack or heat with hudding sails out, no ends. (Lat 8° 04' South) (Long 99° 41' West)