

Ship Alexander Coffin Four Months out from Home
Wednesday December 12th Commences
with strong winds from S.E. Middle and latter parts the same
Ship Medford in sight ahead. Crew employed on Rigging and
picking Oakum. The mate Mr. Jerny employed on the Skow
and Daddy Fisher on his Boat, which by the way looks
like any thing else but a Boat. Nothing Remarkable
happened today.

(Lat 6°35' South
(Long 101°07' West
Course Steady to the S. East.

Thursday December 13th Commences with light
winds from S.E. Ship heading N.W. by N. The Medford drawing up with us
having shifted her course, and is now steering off more for us, as if
for a lgam. (This is a word used to imply that Ships keep company
and the Officers & Crew exchange complement visits.) It helps greatly
to relieve the Tedium of a Sea Voyage. I hope she will come
close to us by morning. Nothing Remarkable happened this day.

(Lat 5°07' South
(Long 102°35' West
Course Steady. Wind S.E. Rate 7/8.



Friday December 14th Commences with
light winds from S.E. Ship heading N.W. Ship Medford still in sight from
aloft. At 1 P.M. raised a sail close aboard of us 3 points on our lee bow. She
was on a wind steering N.E. when she was ahead of us, she hauled up
her main sail and hauled back then lowered a boat and the Captain
came on board, the Mate (ours) and 3 of us passengers took their boat
and a boat crew of ours and went on board examining the vessel to be
the Hope, Commander of the Medford, 28th out 520. Hts 4004pm 1200ft.
They gave us rather discouraging reports from California, so much so that
I believe I should have gone about home, could I have got the chance.
We staid on board till nearly 9 P.M. then went on board our own
Ship and squared away for California. So ends all well.

(Lat 3°35' South
(Long 103°20' West
Course Steady to the S.E.

Saturday December 15th Commences with
light winds from S.E. Ship heading N.W. Ship Medford in sight off
deck. At 9 am wind dropped round to N.E. I hope will hang
there as long as it did at S.E. If it does I shall give her 3 weeks
to San Francisco. The jenny finished the skow today and tarred her
sides and bottom, so she is locally to take lumber ashore
at San Francisco, that is if he can get any one to go with it. which
I say much doubt. as I think a man will be a fool to work for
5 or 6 dollars when he can make 50 perhaps. (Lat 2°11'
at the mines (Long None Taken

Ship Alex. Coffin 20 days from Valparaiso Across the Line!
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! for Gold! and for the Rials! we Love! as the poet says

Sunday Dec 16th Commences with light winds from S.E.
and Calms at 12 P.M. found ourselves 30 miles south of the Line so
(that now 12 P.M.) we are once more across it. After dinner a fine
breeze sprang up and wafted us on our way and by night it blew
a pretty stiff breeze. Sunday at any time is a long day, but now it
seems longer than usual, we are getting so impatient. But never mind
we shall probably spend more than three weeks aboard the Alex Coffin,
at least before her arrival at San Francisco. Nothing Remarkable happened
this day. (Lat 30 miles South
(Long 106°01' West. Course Steady.

Monday Dec 17th Commences with strong winds
from S.E. Ship heading N.W. by N. and going along finely. Nothing remark-
able happened this day that I either saw or heard of. As we
don't get the Newspaper every morning regularly, it is rather
difficult to know what is going on in the body world
around. I for one am in hopes to make enough to this
voyage to live ashore the rest of my life, where one can tell
something near what is going on.

(Lat 1°27' North
(Long None Taken about 107°00'

Tuesday Dec 18th Commences with strong winds
from S.E. & S.W. Ship heading N.W. by N. and creeping along towards the
land of Gold. She can't get along half fast enough to suit
me. I wish I had the patience of Job. I think it would stand
me a good turn about now, however I have hopes now of getting
in for soon. Nothing Remarkable happened this 24 hours.

(Lat 3°17' North
(Long None Taken about 109°00'

Wednesday Dec 19th Commences with strong
winds from S.E. with rain squalls occasionally through the day
Nothing remarkable happened this day, that came to my ears
All well. So Ends
Ship heading N.W. by N.

(Lat 5°06' North
(Long None Taken

Thursday Dec 20th Commences with strong
N.E. trades. Thank God we have got them this side of land.
Ship going along finely. Nothing Remarkable happened except
the loss of 5 Hts, by as many of the Crew & Passengers for me
I haven't lost any yet since we sailed. So Ends all well
Ship heading N.W. by N.

(Lat 6°39' South (must be a mistake)
(Long None Taken.