

Ship George, West Master bound for the Pacific Ocean

night the ship hauled off in the stream. Before the
evening at home at my brother's where were assembled by
invitation a number of ladies & gentlemen mostly of Mr. Parkers
family including himself and lady. This is my last evening
at home before departure, and I do not know when I
have passed one more agreeably and I shall endeavor
to do with pleasure. My Brother being took the stage for
Providence at 7 A.M. ^{next} morning.

Thursday December 20th 1832. Fair weather and light breeze
from the Westward. At 11 A.M. sailed on board Ship
George in the capacity of 3^d Mate and 1st Boat Steerer
Found the 2^d Mate and Cabin on board. Mr. Meridian
the Captain 1st Officer and Pilot came on board and
immediately after weighed anchor and made sail out
of the harbor. At 5 P.M. the wind hauling Southward
being very light dropped anchor. Mr. Reed put Light
House bearing N.N.W. 2 miles distant. Tied up sails.
The Captain and Pilot went on Shore in the Pilot
Boat. At 9 P.M. set an Anchor watch.

Friday December 21 First part light airs from N.W.W.
At 3 A.M. Captain and Pilot came on board where
immediately got under weigh and made sail for sea.
At 4 P.M. the Pilot left us Cutterhank Light bearing
at that time E.S.E. Light increasing breeze and cloudy
At 8 P.M. Guy Head Light bore N.E. by E. 4 leagues distant
from which I take my departure and commence by
Nautical computation being but 20 hours in this days voyage.

Saturday December 22 Commencing at 3 P.M. strong breeze
from N.W.W. & plenty of snow. At 9 A.M. single reefed
Fore & Mizzen Topsails. At 6 A.M. single reefed main top sail
At 11 A.M. turned the tugs out & set the 1st G. Sail. Latter
part cloudy weather with occasional squalls. Mr. Meridian
True Course S.W. Lat. 39° 20' Longitude W. 71° 25'
Sunday Dec. 23 Strong gales and cloudy weather. At 7 P.M.
took in the 1st G. Sail. At 6 A.M. saw a Boston Barque

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Monday the 24th Dec. Sp. bearing & observations.
True Course S.W. Lat. 39° 20' Longitude W. 71° 25'
Monday December 24 1832. Light winds and cloudy with
intermittent rain. Mr. Meridian employed fitting boats.

Tuesday Dec. 25 First part light breeze from N.W.W.
Middle part strong gales and squalls. Latter part moderate winds from
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Wednesday Dec. 26 First part light breeze from N.W.W.
Middle part strong breeze from S.W. Latter part
moderate breeze from S.W. School of Black Point. The 1st G.
Sails were hauled and manned in pursuit.

Thursday Dec. 27 First part fair breeze and pleasant
weather. At 1 P.M. the boats returned along side the
main boat having captured one black fish about 20 feet
in length. This fish is a species of the whale &
the manner of getting off the boats and taking him is
similar to capturing a whale. I have therefore an insight
into the business. This fish made about the 10th of the ship.

Friday Dec. 28 First part light breeze & pleasant weather.
Middle part strong breeze. Latter part moderate breeze.
True Course S.W. Lat. 34° 22' Longitude W. 59° 50'

Saturday Dec. 29 First part light gales. Middle part strong
breeze. Double reefed Fore & Mizzen Topsails. Latter part
moderate. Made all sails. Lat. Dec. 34° 50' Long. 53° 33'

Sunday Dec. 30 First part light breeze and fair weather.
Middle & Latter part strong gales with thunder lightning & rain. Came
under close reefed topsails. No observation. True Course S.W. Lat. Dec. 35° 00' Long. 50° 50'