

Ship George on a Whaling Voyage to the Pacific Ocean

Friday March 3rd 1833. Commenced fresh breeze & pleasant weather. At 5 P.M. the wind hauled to the Northward and continued increasing till 5 P.M. when it backed to S.W. blowing a strong gale. Shortened Sail as was necessary and at noon took in the close reefed Main Topsail and lay to under Main Staysail. While furling the Main Topsail the Yard parted in the rings. Secured it aloft till the gale abated.

True Course S.W. Lat Obs 46° 01' Long 59° 10' W

Saturday March 4th First part blowing in strong gales with a heavy sea. Wind from S.W. to S.E. Sent down Main Top & Sail. Middle part more moderate. Latter part moderate. Made Sail. Sent down the broken M.T. Sail and replaced and sent up a new one.

True Course E. N. E. Lat Obs 45° 46' Long 58° 30' W

Sunday March 5th First part moderate & pleasant. Middle all Sails. Middle part blowing fresh, reefed again. Latter part strong gales. Lay to under close reefed Main Topsail and Main Staysail. Wind S.W. Variation 20 points Eastward.

True Course S.W. Lat Obs 46° 35' Longitude 59° 40' W

Monday March 6th Commenced strong gales from N.W. At 1 P.M. the water being discolored fanned with 20 fathoms no bottom. Middle part more moderate. Turned some of the reefs out and made sail. Latter part pleasant weather and moderating winds. Made all Sail.

True Course North Lat Obs 45° 02' Long 58° 40' W

Tuesday March 12th First part fresh increasing breeze from N.W. and pleasant weather. Middle part strong breeze with rain. Reefed the Topsails and Main Course. Latter part wind moderating made all Sail. Set the Lower Topmast & Top G. Staysail. Wind North & foggy.

True Course N.W. Lat Obs 46° 32' Long 59° 32' W

Wednesday March 13th Fine breeze from the North & North East. Pleasant weather and a smooth sea. Saw several right Whales. Sounded with 80 fathoms on bottom. Made Sun Observation at 10^h 40^m and found the Longitude 58° 53' Lat 46° 16' Long 59° 32'

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Thursday March 14th Fine breeze from the Northward and pleasant weather with the exception of some light squalls of rain. Saw a large number of birds. Caught a Porpoise.

Sounded at midnight no bottom. Sounded at noon and got bottom 75 fathoms, fine black & grey mixed sand.

True Course S.W. Lat Obs 48° 20' Long 62° 05' W

Friday March 15th First part light winds & calm. Middle and latter part fresh Northwesterly breezes. At 10^h 40^m A.M. took a Sun Observation & the Longitude deduced therefrom was 62° 51' W. True Course S.W. Lat Obs 50° 25' Long 62° 34' W

Saturday March 16th Commenced fine breeze & pleasant weather. At 1^h 40^m P.M. took another Sun Observation and the Longitude deduced from it was 62° 45' W. We have steered true South since the first & therefore judge them correct nearly. At 5^h 30^m experienced a sudden and tremendous squall of wind accompanied with hard storm. Took in Sail as quick as possible and got the Ship before it and was fortunate to lose nothing but a topmast staying Sail torn to pieces. At 6 P.M. cleared away and continued blowing strong gales from the Westward.

Came under Fore Course, close reefed Fore & double reefed Main Topsail & Staysails. At daylight saw the land on our lee beam and quarter which proved to be the Falkland Islands. At 7 A.M. lost sight of them the Western most bearing when last seen N.E. Latter part strong gales and a heavy sea running.

True Course S.W. Lat Obs 52° 37' Long 62° 16' W

Sunday March 17th First part strong gales and a heavy sea. Under close reefed Main Topsail & Fore Course Main Mizzen & S.T. Staysails. Wind from the Westward. Middle part more moderately pleasant. Turned the reef out of the Fore Course. Set Fore & Mizzen Topsails close reefed & reefed Main Course. Latter part fine breeze & pleasant weather. Turned all the reefs out & set jib. Sent up the T.G. Mast & set the Sail. Wind from N.W.

True Course S.E. Lat Obs 54° 13' Long 60° 00' W