

Remarks on board the ship B. Williams of Stonington. Aug 23^d 1849.

These 24 hours fine breezes from (the first part) N.W. the latter part shifted to the N.N.W. the first part steering S.E. by S. until 8 o'clock A.M. thence steering S.E. by E. the weather for the most part overcast, at 6 o'clock P.M. took in the fore & main topgalantsails also the mainsail. thus ends.

Lat 26°13' South. Long 26°53' West.

Aug 24th

Commences with fresh breezes from N.W. the weather overcast at 6 P.M. we took in the main topgalantsail & reefed the main topsail steering S.E. by E. at 2 o'clock A.M. the S. watch single reefed the fore & main topsails & took in the jib & main topsail the wind blowing fresh from N. at 8 o'clock A.M. changed the course to S. by E. the latter part the weather squally thus ends
No observation

Aug 25th

Commences with a fresh gale from W.N.W. the weather overcast & squally steering S. by S. at 6 o'clock P.M. double reefed the fore topsail, the middle part the wind commenced moderating the latter part a moderate breeze from the S.W. at 6 o'clock A.M. the S. watch set all sails thus ends.

No observation.

Aug 26th

Commences with calm & cloudy weather, attended with a heavy sea from the west at 5 o'clock P.M. took in fore & main topgalant sails at that time a moderate breeze sprang up from S.W. at 10 o'clock P.M. it commenced to rain, & the wind commenced to breeze, at 2 o'clock A.M. the S. watch double reefed the topsails at 5 o'clock A.M. the S. watch took in the jib fore & main topsails the wind blowing a gale from N.W. heading S.E. by E. at 8 o'clock A.M. took in the foresail the wind blowing heavy from N. attended with rain heading to S.W. thus ends.

Lat. 39°51' South.

Aug 27th

Commences with a gale from W. attended with squalls of wind & rain laying too under close reefed main topsail & foretopmast staysail at 3 o'clock P.M. the wind suddenly shifted to W. blowing a heavy gale, we called all hands & took in the foretopmast staysail & main topsail, the S. side of the main topsail was split for tears whilst clewing it up. at 6 o'clock P.M. we set the main spencer, the middle part fresh gales from N.W. & pleasant weather, the latter part heavy squalls of wind & rain from N. the ship heading S.W. thus ends.

Lat 39°45' South. Long 18°01' West.

Aug 28th

All these 24 blowing a heavy gale from N. to W. attended with heavy squalls of wind rain & hail the middle part sharp lightning, the ship laying too under main spencer, the first part heading S.W. by E. the latter part heading N.W. thus ends.

Lat 39°29' South Long 17°12' West

Aug 29th

All these 24 hours heavy gales from W. to N.W. the first part laying

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under the main spencer heading N.W. with L. watch this P.M. unbent the spencer, & bent the close mizen. At 8 o'clock A.M. we set the foretopsail double reefed & kept the ship off steering S.E. by E. the S. watch this A.M. unbent the main topsail & bent a new one & set it close reefed, thus ends.

Lat 39°05' South. Long 15°54' West.

Aug 30th

Commences with fresh gales from W.N.W. to S.W. attended with heavy squalls of wind & rain steering S.E. by E. until 4 o'clock P.M. then took in the fore topsail that was double reefed, & hoisted the ship too under close reefed main topsail heading S.E. by E. at 4 o'clock P.M. the S. watch set the topsails double reefed & kept the ship off steering S.E. by E. at 8 o'clock A.M. shook the reefes out the topsails & set the jib fresh breezes & squally thus ends.

Lat 39°10' South. Long 15°54' West.

Aug 31st

All these 24 hours fresh gales from S.W. attended with frequent squalls. steering S.E. at 11 1/2 o'clock A.M. made the land Goughs Island bearing S. by E. 30 miles Dist the watches employed at sundry got about the ship, thus ends.

Lat 40°21' South Long

Saturday Sept 1st 1849. — All these 24 hours fresh gales from S.W. to S.W. attended with frequent heavy squalls of wind, hail, snow, & rain steering S. by S. until 4 o'clock P.M. thence double reefed the topsails & took in the mainsail & jib heading S.W. by W. at 4 o'clock P.M. Goughs Island bore S. by E. 4 miles dist at 9 o'clock A.M. we called all hands & close reefed the topsails at 11 o'clock A.M. we spoke the bk. North America of New London clean. at 11 1/2 A.M. called all hands & lowered the L. boats and went in shore for whale. Goughs Island bearing S. 3 miles Dist thus ends.

Sunday Sept 2nd — Commences with fresh gales from S. attended with heavy squalls of wind & hail the ship laying off & on to the N. side of Goughs Island the L. boats in shore whaling, at about 1 o'clock P.M. the waist boat got fast to a whale at about 2 P.M. we had the whale dead (we saw 4 whales besides in by the breakers) and commenced towing off shore at 6 o'clock P.M. we took the whale along side & took in sail the ship lay under close reefed main topsail, some sea running, at 7 1/2 o'clock the fluke chain parted & the whale sank we lost 5 or 6 fathoms of the chain at 8 o'clock P.M. we set the foresail & main spencer heading S. by E. at 5 o'clock A.M. wore ship heading S.W. by S. & set double reefed topsails & jib at 9 o'clock A.M. we lowered the quarter & waist boats for 2 whales but could not get fast at 11 o'clock hoisted the boats, saw 6 whales this A.M. all dodging about the latter part fresh breezes from S.W. & cloudy weather Goughs Island bearing South 10 miles dist at 1 1/2 o'clock, thus ends.