

Remarks on board the Ship, B. Williams of Stonington

Monday Oct 8th, These 24 hours comence with fresh gales from N.W. attended with frequent heavy squalls of wind & light rain steering S.E. by E. at 5 o'clock P.M. we last reefed the maintopsail at 7 o'clock P.M. we took in the foretop sail & foresail, & have the ship too on the S. tack heading N.W. the wind blowing heavy in squalls & a heavy sea running at 5 o'clock A.M. the wind moderated thence we kept the ship off steering S.E. by E. & set the topsails & foresail, at 9 o'clock A.M. we set the main & fore topgalantsails thus ends.

Lat 37° 5' South.

Tuesday Oct 9th comences with fresh breezes from N.W. & good weather steering S.E. by E. at 7 o'clock P.M. we took in the fore & main topgalantsails & put one reef in the mizen topsail. at 5 o'clock A.M. we set the topgalantsails mainsail & flying jib at 5 o'clock A.M. the wind shifted to N. the latter part moderate breezes & pleasant weather, the watches have been employed this A.M. at taking down the rigging thus ends.

Lat 37° 7' South Long 48° 6' East by Chronometer

Wednesday Oct 10th, — comences with moderate breezes from N. & pleasant weather steering S.E. by E. the middle part wind from N.W. the weather pleasant. at 3 o'clock A.M. the wind comenced breezing & shifting more to the W. at 5 o'clock A.M. we had a heavy squall from W. we then put the ship under double reefed fore & main topsail, the latter part fresh gales from W.S.W. steering S.E. by E. the S. watch this P.M. have been employed at taking the fore rigging thus ends.

Lat 36° 43' South Long 31° 54' East by Chronometer

Thursday Oct 11th, — These 24 hours fresh gales from W. to S.W. attended with frequent squalls at 1 P.M. shook two reefs out of the fore & main topsail & set the mizen topsail single reefed at 2 o'clock A.M. the S. watch double reefed the fore & main topsail at 9 o'clock A.M. we shook the reefs out the fore & main topsails steering S.E. by E. thus ends.

Lat 36° 48' South Long 35° 14' East.

Friday Oct 12th, — These 24 hours fresh gales from S.W. the middle part attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain steering S.E. by E. at 2 o'clock A.M. the S. watch took in the jib & mainsail & single reefed the main topsail at 11 o'clock A.M. we set the jib & mainsail, at 10 o'clock A.M. the ship was going 10 1/2 knots per log. thus ends.

Lat 36° 42' South Long 39° 15' E. by Chronometer

Saturday Oct 13th, — comences with a fresh breeze from S.W. & pleasant weather steering S.E. by E. the middle part the wind comenced to moderate at 5 o'clock A.M. we shook out all reefs, & set the topgalantsails at 6 o'clock A.M. the ship was going 8 1/2 knots per log. the latter part fine breezes & pleasant weather thus ends.

Lat 36° 41' South.

Sunday Oct 14th These 24 hours comence with fine breezes from S.W. & very pleasant weather steering S.E. by E. at 3 o'clock P.M. the wind comenced to haul to the eastward at 2 o'clock A.M. we tacked ship heading S.E. by E. by the wind the middle & latter part fine breezes & pleasant weather thus ends.

Lat 36° 45' South.

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Monday Oct 15th 1799. These 24 hours fine breezes from N.E. & pleasant weather steering by the wind heading S.E. by E. unrigging all sails, this A.M. the watches have been employed at beaking out water, abt at sundry jobs about the ships rigging. at 9 o'clock A.M. we raised a sail ahead, thus ends.

Lat 37° 14' South.

Tuesday Oct 16th, — These 24 hours fine breezes, the first part from N.E. & the latter part from N. the weather very pleasant, steering S.E. by E. this A.M. the ship has been going 9 1/2 knots per log. The watches have been employed at sundry jobs about the rigging thus ends.

Lat 37° 6' South Long 52° 21' E.

Wednesday Oct 17th, comences with a fresh breeze from N. the latter part moderate breeze from N.N.W. the weather very pleasant steering S. by E. with all sails out, the watches this A.M. have been employed at taking rigging heads sundry other jobs thus ends.

Lat 36° 11' South Long 56° 30' East

Thursday Oct 18th, — These 24 hours fine breezes from N.E. & very pleasant weather steering S.E. by E. with all sails set, the watches have been employed at sundry fixings about the ships rigging etc. at 6 o'clock this P.M. we saw a ship 4 points on our weather bow that was steering to the S.E.

Lat 35° 45' South Long 59° 14' East by Chronometer

Friday Oct 19th, — These 24 hours from N.E. to N.W. & pleasant weather steering S. by E. with all sails set, the watches have been employed at repairing the rigging about the ship etc. the cooper has been repairing a number of casks thus ends.

Lat 35° 11' South.

Saturday Oct 20th, 1799. These 24 hours fine breezes from N.W. & good weather steering S. by E. with all sails set excepting the jibs the watches have been employed at a few sundry jobs about the ship, this A.M. there has been a ship in sight off our starboard bow that is steering to the eastward, thus ends.

Lat 35° 3' South.

Sunday Oct 21st 1799, — These 24 hours fine breezes from N.W. to N.E. attended with very good weather steering S.E. by E. with all sails set, this P.M. the S. watch have been employed at setting taut the mizen rigging, de.

Lat 35° 4' South.

Monday Oct 22^d, — comences with moderate breezes from N.W. the latter part fresh breezes from N.W. the weather very pleasant, steering S. by E. we took in the fore & main topgalantsails at 10 o'clock A.M. we have chased a number of finback whales this day, thus ends.

Lat 35° 11' S. Long 68° 20' East

Tuesday Oct 23^d, — These 24 hours comence with fresh gales from N.W. attended with light rain, steering S. by E. at 6 o'clock P.M. the wind shifted sailing to southwest we took in the jib mainsail & mizen topsail & double reefed the fore topsail. The latter part fine breezes & pleasant weather, at 5 o'clock A.M. we set all sails steering S.E. by E. this P.M. the ship was going 9 1/2 knots per log. the watches have been employed at a few sundry jobs about the ship thus ends.

Lat 35° 11' South.