

Remarks on board the ship, B. Williams of Stonington.

Thursday Feb 14th, 1850.

Comences with moderate breezes from N.W.W. the weather overcast steering by the wind heading N. till 3 P.M. thence baffling breezes from all points attended with rain till 1 P.M. thence moderate breezes from N.W. steering by the wind to N.N.W. till 4 A.M. thence heading N. by the wind the latter part moderate & pleasant weather the watches employed at repairing a topsail etc.

Lat 5° 50' S.

Friday Feb 15th,

Comences with a moderate breeze from N.W. the weather pleasant steering by the wind heading N.N.W. at 4 P.M. the wind left us in a calm at 6 P.M. we unhooked the main topsail & bent another in its place, at 9 P.M. a breeze sprang up from N.W. steering by the wind heading N.W. the latter part fine breezes & pleasant weather the watches employed about the ships rigging thus ends.

Lat 5° 14' S. Long 161° 1' East.

Saturday Feb 16th,

These 24 hours comence with fine breezes from N. steering by the wind heading N.N.W. the middle part moderate breezes, the weather pleasant, all sail set, various vicissitudes of work going on about the ship such as, coopersing, carpentering, blacksmithing, & sailmaking, thus ends.

Lat 4° 43' S. Long

Sunday Feb 17th,

Comences with fine breezes from N. the weather pleasant till 1 P.M. thence attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain, took in flying jib & mizzen topgalantail, we set the topgalantails to squalls, steering by the wind heading N.N.W. till 11 P.M. thence the wind veered to N.N.E. steering N.W. at 5 A.M. set flying jib & mizzen topgalantail, the latter part pleasant thus ends, at 11 this A.M. we took a lunar observation,

Lat 3° 17' S. Long 167° 24' E.

Monday Feb 18th,

All these 24 hours fine breezes from N.E. the weather pleasant, steering N.W. by N. carrying all sail, the watches employed at sundry jobs about the ship, thus ends.

Lat 1° 31' S. Long 165° 41' E.

Tuesday Feb 19th

Comences with fine breezes from N.E. the weather pleasant steering N.W. by N. at 1 P.M. took in the flying jib & mizzen topgalantail, thence fresh breezes & cloudy weather, at 5 A.M. set the flying jib & mizzen topgalantail, the latter part overcast thus ends.

Lat 4° 8' N.

Wednesday Feb 20th,

Comences with a squall of wind & rain, from N.N.E. steering N.W. took in flying jib & topgalantails, at 1 P.M.

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we set the main topgalantail, from thence till 8 P.M. the weather rainy, attended with fine breezes from N.E. the middle & latter fine breezes & pleasant weather at 5 A.M. set the flying jib & fore topgalantails so ends.

Lat 3° 08' N. Long 161° 40' E.

Thursday Feb 21st, 1850.

Comences with fresh breezes from N.E. the weather pleasant steering N.W. by N.W. at 12 o'clock we unbent the mainsail to repair, at 12 o'clock P.M. we carried away the main topgalant yard, thence we sent down the sail & yard, & the carpenter commenced splicing it, at 3 P.M. we bent the mainsail, the middle part fine breezes from N.E. & pleasant weather, the latter part attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain, the carpenter employed at splicing the main topgalant yard, thus ends carrying all sails except main topgalantail.

No observation

Friday Feb 22nd,

Comences with moderate breezes from N.E. attended with rain till 2 P.M. thence fine breezes from N.E. & pleasant weather steering N.W. by N.W. under all sail except main topgalantail till 1 P.M. then we took in topgalantails, flying jib & mainsail at 1 A.M. we hoisted the ship too, with the main yard aback till 5 A.M. thence we kept the ship off steering N.W. by N.W. & set all sails, the carpenter employed at repairing the main topgalant yard etc. at 11 A.M. we raised & lowered the quarter & waist boats for sperm whales, the latter part fine breezes from N.E. & pleasant weather thus ends.

Lat 6° 23' N. Long 157° 16' E.

Saturday Feb 23rd

Comences with fine breezes from N.E. the weather pleasant. The 2 quarter & waist boats off chasing sperm whales, at 3 P.M. hoisted boats, from thence steering N.W. till 1 P.M. thence we double reefed the topsails steering N.W. by N. till 3 A.M. then hoisted the ship too with the main topsail aback, the wind blowing fresh from N.E. attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain at 6 A.M. we braced forward the main topsail steering N.W. at 10 A.M. we shook the reefs out the topsails, at 4 P.M. we sent the main topgalantail aloft, bent & set the sail, so ends.

Lat 8° 06' N. Long 156° 12' E.

Sunday Feb 24th,

These 24 hours fine breezes from N.E. till 6 A.M. then we from N.E. attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain, at 2 P.M. we set the fore & main topgalantails at 1 A.M. set the flying jib & mizzen topgalantail steering N.W. by N. thus ends.

Lat 10° 02' N. Long 153° 32' E.