

Remarks on board the ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Friday, Jan 3rd, 1851 — All these 24 hours fresh gales, the first part from S.W. till 11 P.M. thence veering to N.W. the latter part from N.W. the weather fair, at 1 P.M. shook the reefes out of the fore & main, topsails, & set the main top galant sail, at 5 A.M. set the fore top galant sail, at 11 A.M. split the fore top galant sail then unbent the sail, steering E. by S. per compass, thus ends.

Lat 54° 18' S. Lon 96° 01' W.

Saturday, Jan 4th, 1851 — All these 24 hours fresh gales, the first & middle part from N.W. the latter part from N.W. attended with rain, at 8 A.M. took in the main top galant sail, & set the main sail, steering E. N.W. per compass, thus ends.

Lat 55° 04' S.

Sunday, Jan 5th, 1851 — All these 24 hours fresh gales, attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain, the first part from N.W. veering to S.W. the middle part from S.W. & the latter part from W. steering E. per compass, at 1 P.M. set & split the main top galant sail unbent it & bent another, at 7 P.M. furled the mainsail, & double reefed the fore top sail, at 11 P.M. took in the fore & mizzen top sail, & double reefed the main top sail, at 7 A.M. the S. watch set the fore top sail, thus ends.

Lat 56° 24' S. Lon 86° 00' W.

Monday, Jan 6th, 1851 — All these 24 hours fresh gales from W. attended with some rain, steering E. by N. per compass, at 6 A.M. shook out the reefes, & set the main top galant sail, this A.M. we saw a number of pinacks, so ends.

Lat 56° 51' S. Lon 80° 41' W.

Tuesday, Jan 7th, 1851 — All these 24 hours fresh gales from W. the first part rainy weather, the latter part attended with light squalls of rain steering E. N. E. per compass, thus ends.

Lat 56° 48' S. Lon 75° 47' W.

Wednesday, Jan 8th, 1851 — These 24 hours fresh gales, the first & middle part from W. S. W. the latter part from S. S. W. attended with frequent squalls of rain, steering E. by N. per compass, at 7 A.M. set the mizzen top sail, jib, & mainsail, this A.M. we passed two ships that was steering to N.W. thus ends.

Lat 54° 03' S. Lon 70° 26' W.

Thursday, Jan 9th, 1851 — Begins with fresh breezes from S.W. attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain, at 5 A.M. the wind began to moderate the latter part moderate breezes from S. the weather overcast, steering E. by N. per compass till 7 P.M. then descried the south Diego Is. from thence steering N. E. by N. per compass, at 8 o'clock A.M. we raised a school of sperm whales, hoveed the two quarter & waist boats & chased without success, at 11 A.M. hoisted box W. & kept off steering N. by N. the Diego Island bore N.W. per compass at 8 P.M. this A.M. saw three ships bound to the westward, so ends.

Lat 58° 09' S.

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Friday, Jan 10th, 1851 — Begins with moderate breezes from S. veering to the W. attended with rain, the middle part fresh gales from N.W. at 5 o'clock P.M. we took in flying jib & top galant sails, at 7 P.M. took in the mainsail & double reefed the topsails, steering N. E. by N. till 8 A.M. from thence steering N. N. W. at 5 o'clock A.M. the S. John bore N.W. at 7 A.M. the wind shifted to S.W. thence fine breezes till 11 A.M. then calm at 5 A.M. set all sail, at 11 A.M. Staten Is. bore S.W. about 40' Dist. thus ends.

Saturday, Jan 11th, 1851 — Commences with calm weather, some rain, ship heading to N.W. at 4 P.M. spoke St. M. S. Portland, at 5 P.M. took a light breeze from S. from 8 P.M. till 3 A.M. calm, thence moderate breezes from S.W. the weather fair, steering N.W. under all sail, so ends.

Lat 53° 32' S. Lon 63° 25' W.

Sunday, Jan 12th, 1851 — Begins with moderate breezes from S.W. veering to N.W. steering N.W. till 5 A.M. thence the wind headed us off to E. N. E. at 7 P.M. tacked ship heading W. N. W. per compass, till 3 A.M. where the wind shifting, we tacked ship heading N. per compass, then veering to S.W. from 7 A.M. steering N.W. by N. by compass, the latter part fresh breezes, & fair weather, at 8 P.M. took in flying jib, & top galant sails, at 5 A.M. set all sail, at 7 A.M. took in flying jib, & top galant sails, at 11 A.M. single reefed the topsails, thus ends.

Lat 52° 16' S. Lon 63° 43' W.

Monday, Jan 13th, 1851 — Begins with fresh gales from S.W. the weather fair, at 7 P.M. the wind began to moderate from S. at 3 P.M. furled the jib & mainsail at 10 P.M. shook out the reefes, & set the main top galant sail, steering N. by W. per compass, at 12 o'clock mid night changed our course to N. by E. per compass, at 3 A.M. the wind shifted to W. N. W. then moderate breezes, the latter part fine breezes, & fair weather, at 4 o'clock set all sail, at 7 A.M. changed the course to N. N. E. thus ends.

Lat 49° 44' S. Lon 63° 01' W.

Tuesday, Jan 14th, 1851 — All these 24 hours fine gales from N.W. steering by the wind heading N. N. E. per compass, at 5 P.M. took in flying jib, & top galant sails, the weather fair, so ends.

Lat 47° 55' S.

Wednesday, Jan 15th, 1851 — Commences with fine gales from N.W. & fair weather steering by the wind heading N. N. E. the middle part foggy weather, at 7 P.M. took in the mainsail, at 8 P.M. double reefed the topsails, at 3 A.M. the wind commenced moderating, at 7 A.M. the wind shifted to S.E. thence steering N. per compass, at 5 A.M. shook the reefes out, & set the main top galant sail, the latter part moderate breezes from S.E. the weather overcast, thus ends.

Thursday, Jan 16th, 1851 — Begins with moderate breezes from S.W. the middle & latter part fresh gales from E. S. E. attended with light rain at 7 P.M. we took in the main top galant sail, & put one reef in the mizzen top sail, steering N. by E. per compass, thus ends.

Lat 44° 26' S. Lon 56° 28' W.