

December 22 1852

Came in with light breezes from the
Northeast steering S S E Middle part wind
Hauled to the S W with calm and
rain squalls later part strong gales
under Don Clostrach topsails rising.
Saw great many of Finbacks so birds

December 23

All this 24 hours strong gales from
S S W squalls heading S S E saw Saint Patrick
Barney S S E Distance 40 miles

December 24

All this 24 hours Lexington under D. Frost
Reefmainsails in thick rain storm
But God knows when we shall get
out of this this day we have killed
Old Beet for Ezechus Diner I expect
We shall not have the Gout whilst
your Air is enjoying your Gait And turkeys
Have little you know how much we
think on those that was once so dear
to us perhaps At this very moment
they are in some Bootmaker taking that
light and Grateful step Home sweet
Home O if I could but this night
see my Charming And find out feelings
Of sorrow upon devoted Lips Glorious
Home sweet Home so Ends the Cold
Ship Nocting heel out saw one ship

December 25 1852

Here we are the same as usual
Lexington the under D. Frostmainsails
in a thick rain storm with D. very
heavy swell this is what I call D. hard
Ezechus the Old Man must give us
A Glas of Cherrybrandy Rather D. dry. Justice
But I hope their is better Days D. coming.
Off speak the ship Kenneth of New Bedford
7 months from home 160 lbs the Captain
Looks As though he was D. quite dry up And
Blow Away poor fellows I have fortune
O My Charming I could but this Night
I should give you hundred to be this to night
so Ends Another Gloomy day 25 5 26

Thursday December 26

All this 24 hours strong gales from the
South under Clostrach topsails heading
to the Northeast saw one sail so Ends
Another rugged day the Cooper has Gout
At Bad Cold Out by 3:45 13

December 27

Here we are under short sail the
Wind south later part the wind more
Norwest now ships the Cooper D. Hasting
God knows when the wind will
shift But I hope before long
saw nothing in the whole Line