

Remarks on board of Ship Bowditch of Warren R. I.

Wednesday October the 17th 1849

Commences with strong trades from the N.E. with fine weather. Ship under all driving sail steering S by W. the watch at work on the rigging, at 3.30 P.M. swung out from aloft for a sheet hauled down the standing sail, hoisted up the courses and lay with the main yard aback one hour and saw nothing, when we set all sail and kept on our course, Newman thinks it was a flying Dutchman, the middle part light breeze and the latter part a fresh breeze and fine weather. Nothing in sight from night but sky and water. Lat by Obs 20.48 Long by Chron 25.42

Thursday October the 18th 1849

A continuation of brisk trades from the N.E. veering to the East. Ship with all driving sail set steering S by W. mid night calm, at 1 A.M. light air from the S.E. hauled in the standing sail and turned sharp heading S by W. ends with a light breeze from the S.E. Nothing of the Whale kind. Lat by Obs 19.15 Long by Chron 25.56, variation of the compass 10 West

Friday October the 19th 1849

Commences with a light breeze from the S.E. and fine weather. Ship by the wind with all sail set heading S by W. the middle part light air from the S.E. Ship heading South at day light 5 A.M. saw St Anthony one of the Cape Verde Islands bearing per compass S.E. by S Dist 15 leagues, at 11 A.M. saw Black Fish, and chased them without success, ends with a moderate breeze from the S.E. and the weather good. Pardon Spencer sick with the Dysentery, and off duty.

Saturday October the 20th 1849

Commences with light breeze from the S.E. with fine weather. Ship by the wind heading to the South with all sail set, at 5 P.M. paid a brig standing to the Northward, at 6 P.M. St Anthony bore per compass S by S Dist 11 leagues, at 7 P.M. fresh breeze from the Eastward kept the ship S by S, at day light saw a bark steering South, at 7 A.M. saw Black Fish, lowered 4 boats and chased without success, the latter part strong breeze from the Eastward at 11 A.M. furled the fore and main top gallant sail and flying jib. Lat by Obs 15.50 Long by Chron 26.07

Nelson Wadron Master,

Sunday the 21st of October 1849

Continues a strong breeze from the Eastward and fair weather. Ship under easy sail steering S by S, at 2 P.M. moderate breeze and kept the ship off S by N by W. at 4 P.M. saw a bark to the Westward at 6 P.M. furled the main top gallant sail and hauled up the courses same time. Bravo bore S by W per compass Dist 13 leagues according to Newman's calculation, at 9 P.M. hauled aback the main top sail and came to the wind heading S by S through the slight light air with a heavy sea, at 4 A.M. kept off S by W and set all sail, the latter part a light breeze from the Eastward. It apparently a strong current setting to the S.W. at 11.45 A.M. saw a Whale and called it a sperm Whale lowered 4 boats in chase and he turned out a Fin back. Lat by indifferent Obs 14.46 Long by Chron 26.58. Suppose we paid the Island in the night owing to a strong S.W. current

Monday the 22nd of October

Commences with light air from the East and fair weather. Ship with all sail set heading to the S by S, at 2 P.M. veered ship to the North, at 4.30 P.M. got a Linner, long by Obs 26.43 from 4 to 8 calm at 8 P.M. a light breeze from the N.E. braced the yards sharp heading S by S and S by S, at 9 A.M. tacked ship to the N.W. and N by W. the latter part light breeze and fair weather. No Whales. Lat by Obs 14.52 Long by Chron 25.00.30. The ship has experienced a current of two knots per hour setting to the West

Tuesday the 23rd of October 1849

These 24 hours commences with a calm and the weather warm and smoky at 5 P.M. a light air from the N.E. braced the yards heading to the S by S the middle part a pleasant breeze and hazy, at 5 P.M. saw the Island of Bravo bearing per compass East Dist five leagues, at 10 A.M. the captain went on shore and at 12 M. the boat returned, ends with strong breeze ship lying off and on Lat by Obs 14.52 Long by Chron 26.08

Wednesday the 24th of October

These 24 hours commences with strong trades from the N.E. and fair. Ship lying off and on the Island of Bravo, at 3 P.M. the boat went on shore, at 7 P.M. tacked in shore, at 8 tacked off shore for the night at 1 A.M. tacked in shore, the middle of the Island bearing per compass S by S Dist 10 leagues, the latter part strong trades and fair weather at 12 the cap't came on board, and kept the ship off South, Peter Daniel a Boat Storer, Deserted Ship, 4 natives from the Island Lat by Obs 14.41