

Remarks on Board Ship Bowditch

Monday February the 11th, the first part of these twenty four hours
A light breeze from the N.W. and fair, the ship with all drawing
sail set steering E by S, the middle & latter part A brisk breeze
& fine weather, nothing of the Whales
Lat by Obs 96.34 Long by Chron 133.42 East

Tuesday February the 12th commences with A brisk breeze from
the Westward, and fair weather, course E by S, with all sail set to the
breeze, and one P.M. finished repairing the main top sail, and sent
it, the middle & latter steady breezes from the N.W. and cloudy
Lat by Obs 46.03 Long by Bot 137.40, at 12 M. left off E by S

Wednesday February the 13th the first part of these 24 hours
A moderate steady breeze from the N.W. and the weather cloudy
the ship with all sail set steering E by S, the middle & latter
part strong breezes with occasional fog squalls, at 12 M. hauled up
E by S. Nothing of the Whale kind
Lat by Obs 46.10 Long by Chron 141.41

Thursday February the 14th makes its appearance with A
brisk breeze from the N.W. and the weather hazy, the ship
with all sail set steering E by S, the middle and latter part
steady breezes from the N.W. and fine weather
Employed repairing sails, nothing of the Whales
Lat by Obs 46.06 South Long by Chron 145.42 East

Friday February the 15th commences with A light breeze
from the N.W. and pleasant weather, all sail set on the ship
steering E by S, at 2 P.M. huffed up N.E. by E and at 4 P.M. caught
A Porpoise, one gallon of oil & fresh grub for all hands, the middle
part light breezes and fair weather at 8 A.M. huffed to the wind
heading N.E., the latter part light air and cloudy
Lat by Obs 44.52, Long by Chron 148.05

Saturday February the 16th commences with A light air from
the N.W. with fair weather, ship by the wind with all sail
set heading N.E., the middle part light breezes and cloudy
at 4 A.M. the wind hauled to the N.W. and commenced blowing
at 5 hauled the Mizzen top gallant sail & flying jib & at 9 A.M.
hauled the fore top gallant sail, the latter part A strong breeze
and hazy weather Ship heading East
Lat by Obs 44.44 South, Long by Bot. 152.09 East
Variation of the Compass 10° Easterly

Nelson Waldron. Master

Sunday February the 17th 1850 commences with A strong
breeze from the N.W. and hazy weather, Ship by the wind
with prudent sail set heading East, at 2 P.M. furled the
main top gallant sail and at 3 increasing gales & double reefed
the top sails, at 8 P.M. furled the jib & main sail, at 12 M. the
wind hauled to the N.W. & set the jib & main sail, the
weather rugged & foggy, the 24 hours and with strong gales, the ship
heading N.E., Lat by Bot 45.06 Long by Bot 156.58

Monday February the 18th A continuation of strong gales from
the N.W. with rugged weather & some rain Ship under double reefed
top sails jib & main sail heading up N.E. at 3 P.M. the wind
shifted in A squall from the S.W. & kept the ship N.E. & heading
into A large sea, at 6 P.M. the wind more moderate & the sea more
regular, let the reefs out of the top sails & set the fore & Mizzen
standing sail & main top gallant sail, at 8 set the fore & Mizzen
top gallant sails, the middle part fresh breezes veering to the N.W.
at 2 A.M. braced sharp & took in the standing sail, the latter part
fresh breezes from the N.W. Ship by the wind heading N.E.
A sail in sight to the S.W.
Lat by Obs 43.38 Long by Chron 156.29

Tuesday February the 19th commences with fresh breezes
from the N.W. & fair weather Ship by the wind heading N.E.
the middle part light breezes & the latter part A strong breeze
from the N.W. Lat by Obs 42.15 Long by Chron 158.53

Wednesday February the 20th commences with strong breezes
from the N.W. with fair weather, Ship heading up N.W. &
with all sail set, the middle part light breezes and directly
the latter part strong breezes and fair weather
Lat by Obs 40.46 Long by Chron 160.68 By Suner 161.57

Thursday February the 21st commences with A strong
breeze from the N.W. by W. and fair weather, the ship with
all sail set steering N.W. & at 2 P.M. increasing breezes & furled
the fore and Mizzen top gallant sails & flying jib, at 3 P.M. got A
Suner, at 3.30 furled the main top gallant sail & at 4 the wind
shifted in A squall from the S.W. down the top sails & at 4.30
set them again, at 12 M. strong gales & double reefed the
top sails, from 8 to 10 A.M. more moderate & let the reefs out of the
top sails & set the top gallant sails, & hauled up N by E
Lat by Obs 38.03 Long by Chron 162.66 East