

Remarks on Board Ship Bowditch while on a Passage

Sunday March the 24th 1850.

Commenced with a breeze from N. N. W. and fair weather, ship with all sail set by the wind heading N. N. E. & N. E. by E. at 6 P. M. the wind headed to the North, & at 1 A. M. veered ship to the W. N. W. the latter part a steady breeze from the Northward with pleasant weather. Nothing of the Whale kind.

Lat by Obs 7.58 Long by Chron 179 45

Monday March the 25th

Commenced with a steady breeze from the Northward and fair weather, the ship with all sail set by the wind heading to the W. N. W. at 4 P. M. the wind veered to the N. N. E. heading up N. W. at 3 P. M. Sylvester Littlefield was taken sick with a violent head ache and pain in the bowels, at 4 P. M. he was deranged and the Capt gave him an Emetic & at 6 he was relieved, through the night moderate breezes & fine weather, at 5.30 A. M. saw Robill's Island bearing per compass S by E Dist 7 leagues, the latter part a pleasant breeze from the N. N. E. & fine weather the ship heading to the N. W. Littlefield recovered, Lat by Obs 6.44 Long by Chron 179.21, variation of the compass 11°

Tuesday March the 26th

A continuation of moderate steady breezes from the N. N. E. attended with fair weather, the ship with all sail set by the wind heading N. W. through the night a light baffling air from the N. N. E. and fine weather at 10 A. M. took a squall from the S. W. with heavy rain, at 12 M. light air from the S. W. & cloudy. Lat by Obs 5.35 South Long by Chron 177.15 East

Wednesday March the 27th Commenced with light air from the S. W. and cloudy, course N. W. with all sail set, at 4 P. M. a light breeze from the East & set the starboard fore top mast standing sail, mid night clear & pleasant, at 2 A. M. squally appearances to the S. W. with lightning, took in the top gallant sails & flying jib & fore top mast standing sail. at 2.35 took the squall from the S. W. attended with rain, same time double reefed the fore & mizen top sails, at 7 A. M. parted the main tack & sheet & jib Halyards in a squall, same time double reefed the main top sail & furled the jib and main sail. at 10 A. M. the weather moderating set the jib & main sail & let one reef out of the top sails & at 12.30 set all sail ship by the wind heading N. W. & N. W. by N. Lat by Obs 4.05 South, Long by Chron at 10 A. M. 166.10 East

From head winds & calms, good land Salver us,

Strong's Island & Japan Sea, Nelson Maldron master.

Thursday March the 28th these twenty four hours commenced with a light breeze from the West and cloudy, the ship by the wind heading N. N. W. with all sail set, from 2 to 5 P. M. light baffling air from West to N. N. W. at 5 veered ship the Westward, and at 6 P. M. veered ship to the N. N. E. at 8 the breeze veered to the North, ship heading N. N. E. at 2 A. M. veered ship to the W. N. W. the middle & latter part light air from the North with fair weather, Nothing of the Whale kind. Lat by Obs 3.44 South, Long by Chron 176.13 East, (Slow Progress)

Friday March the 29th

Continued a light breeze from the North and fair weather at 1 P. M. headed to the N. N. W. & veered ship to the N. E. at 8 P. M. the wind headed to the North, same time veered ship heading W. by N. & W. N. W. through the night light breezes and fair weather, at 10 A. M. took a squall from the N. W. & veered ship to the N. N. E. and furled the flying jib ends with a brisk breeze from the N. W. and fair weather the watch employed with sundry jobs on the rigging, Nothing of the Whale kind. Lat by Obs 2.56 South, Long by Chron 175.28, variation 11° Easterly

Saturday March the 30th Commenced with a fresh breeze from the N. W. & fair weather the ship with all sail set except the flying jib standing by the wind to the N. N. E. at 7 P. M. took a squall from the N. W. and furled the fore & mizen top gallant sails & Splenker through the night squally, at 1 A. M. veered ship the W. N. W. at 4.30 veered ship to the N. N. E. and set the fore & mizen top gallant sails & flying jib, at 6 A. M. veered ship heading up N. W. by N. the latter part a light steady breeze from the N. by E. and fair weather. Lat by Obs 2.15 South, Long by Chron 175.16 East, variation 11° Easterly

Sunday March the 31st makes its appearance with a light breeze from N. by E. and fair weather, the ship with all sail set by the wind heading N. W. by N. at 2 P. M. the wind veered to the N. N. E. and set the fore top mast standing sail, course N. W. through the night a pleasant breeze & fine weather, at 6 A. M. saw a school of Sperm Whales to the windward at 6.30 down boats & chased them until 10 & came on board to Breakfast at 10.30 tooked ship to the Eastward and at 11.30 tooked Northward saw Whales Breaching to the windward 6 miles off ends with a fine steady breeze from the N. E. and pleasant of sail in sight to the Northward steering N. W. Lat by Obs 01.18 South, Long by Chron 174.28 East Variation of the Compass 11° Easterly