

Journal of a Whaling Voyage
Barque Daniel Webster
Gilbert W. Borden Master, Sailed April 17th 1847

Commences with moderate breezes from the E
and rain weather Ship at anchor off "Lumber
Point" with a part of the crew Ship keeper & Plot
on board. At 9 A. M. the Capt & family
the officer and remainder of the crew with a large
number of their friends left "Merrill's Wharf" in
"The West's" yacht for the ship but the wind be
ing small Capt. Manchester in Steamer "Ellen Lee
Parker" took us in tow. We arrived on board all
safe amidst a pouring rain storm. At 10 o'clock
we anchor and stood out down the bay in tow to
"Ellen Lee Parker" at 1 P. M. hauled aboard
at 1 P. M. sent all our friends on board the "E. Lee Parker"
then after "three times three" raising cheer and a
"hoor" in which all hands, friends & ladies (there
being four of the latter) joined we pulled our yards
and stood out to sea while the steamer with our
friends stood back to the lovely city of New Bedford.
At 3 P. M. ceased raining the wind hauling
to the E. at 4 P. M. lost sight of "Homan's"
Island Ship heading to the South with a fine
breeze. Observed the Ankers & chains. Chose
Boats crews & watches. made a few remarks to the
crew, got supper and at 6 set the watch. after
calling the roll of the crew and ascertaining their
names found we had one extra man, a "stow a
way" on board. gave him supper and ordered him
to stand watch with the men in the starboard part.
All night light winds and clear weather Ship
still by the wind to the N and west. the Encls