

Ship Franklin in the port of New Bedford

Sept the 1<sup>st</sup>. 1853 I picked on board of the Ship Franklin then lying at the Wharf in New Bedford fitted for a three years cruise a Whaling commanded by Capt Josiah Richmond Bound to the North Pacific Ocean Owned by William D Woodland of New Bedford

5<sup>th</sup> Came aboard this morning at 7 o'clock and got underweigh in company with Ship Nauticon with a fair wind about 9 o'clock pm the Pilot left us the Capt called all hands aft and addressed them as follows when you have come to get a voyage have you not I want you to come when you are called Sir your Officers &c He told them that he should not allow any swearing nor fighting on board the Ship He told the first and second mates they could choose watches after the watches were chosen the Capt first second and third mates chose their Boats crews. I was chosen to steer the second mate Capt Pick<sup>man</sup> told them they could go aboard. Course E

6<sup>th</sup> This day commences with light winds all sail let men employed in breaking out their is nothing in sight to day Ship steering E & S

7<sup>th</sup> This day commences with light winds Aloned the mastheads this morning for the first time Raised Black Fish Toward the Starboard Boat and ordered them but were unsuccessful Men employed in breaking out of the Sail in sight could not make out which way they were standing Ship steering E & S so ends this day

8<sup>th</sup> This day commences with cloudy weather About noon it began to breeze up the Starboard Watch furled the Top Gallant sails and Flying

Ocean

Ship Franklin in the Atlantic

All hands were called at three o'clock pm to shorten sail We furled the fore and Mizzen as of principle the sparker having been carried away before it could be taken in close reefed the Main Topsail and layed to under close reefed Main Topsail Main Spenceer and Fore Topmast Stay Sail. I will mention after a slight incident that occurred to day the Carpenter had a Keg that was filled with Cherry brandy and while we were aloft taken soil one of the men went down in the Forecastle and drank part of it then came up and went aloft on the Main Topsail yard and got out on the end of the yard one of the Boatsteers was on the yard and held on to him until a rope was sent on to the mast the Capt and one Boatsteer got hold of the rope and hauled him into the top of Ship. Steering E & S

9<sup>th</sup> The wind has lulled set the Fore and Mizzen Topsails shook the reef out of the Main Top Sail set the courses in the day watch closed down the Main Topsail and sent the green hands to practice reefing Men employed in doing small jobs about decks

10<sup>th</sup> This morning we shook out the reef out the Main Topsail set the Fil the wind began to breeze up this afternoon the Starboard watch took in the Fore and Mizzen Top Sails at four o'clock pm close reefed the Main Top Sail furled the Fore Sail and lay to under close reefed Main Topsail Main Spenceer and Fore Topmast Stay Sail

11<sup>th</sup> The wind has halled to the Southward. This morning we squared the yards and under reef and close reefed Main Topsail and Fore Sail This afternoon the wind lulled so we set the Fore and Mizzen Topsail shook the reef out of the Main Topsail Raised a Sail about sunset of the lee beam Ship steering E & S