

Journal of a Voyage from Fairhaven
Towards the South & Indian Oceans for
Sperm whale on Board Ship Leonidas

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Thursday November 21 - 1839

At 8 AM all hands on board of good ship Leonidas
of Fairhaven lying at anchor New Bedford light
house bearing $W\frac{1}{2}S$ Dist 4 mile weighed anchor
according to Pilot's order with a strong WNW wind with
three 2 sails single reef & well set Gibb & C. Mizen
& stood out the Bay with a ships Company of 22 men
including Commander & Officers fitted for three years
At 11 Discharged the Pilot Cauderhunk bearing about
East secured the Anchors on the rails on board & stowed
the Chains below we are to touch at the Cape de Verd
for two men & get a supply of figgs & C. May the
god of heaven who is our protector & helper in every
movement safely guide us through a short &
prosperous voyage & May it be his will for all of us
to safely return to our Native Country & homes again
& find our nearest & dearest friends all well

Friday November 22

At 1 PM lay head Bare ENE Dist 15 miles
by Estimation from which I take my Departure
Strong breeze & passing Clouds under single reef
of Course & Gibb at 4 Double reef & set field
gibb Middle strong winds of Clouds
Later fresh gales & squalls of snow & hail
at 10 saw a Barque ship standing to the ~~West~~
West Sa Ends there 24 hours Employed in
Sundry jobs quide the lines & C. No Observation

Saturday 23

Commences with fresh gales & squalls of snow
& hail Middle squalls of hail & rain at 2 AM.
Came in to the stream the water by thermomet
is 76 at 4 - 84 at 7 is 74 the sea very rough at 10
lost reef & halld up ^{at} 12 Spencer to Ends
Employed in Sundry jobs a good number
sick
Winds from north to ENE No Observation
South to ESE

Swift Sails the Sailing from the morning we in about of our pay
 shift the galant ship boards over the water & hear her crew from water shore
 to far distant Clime away from all that is near & dear to cruise on the waters
 for years 2 or 3 in each of the months that
 leave