

Ship Montagu by B.F. Hanson master -

A Journal On Board Ship Montagu
Tuesday Sept 29th 1857

Fresh wind from N.W.
and pleasant weather, At 6 in the morning
Crew all on board ready for sea, at the same
time pilot on board, took the anchor, set all
sail and steered out of London Harbor for sea,
At 6:30 I came along side in the steam tug,
fastened the tug to the ship and towed out of the
Harbor in to the Sound, then the tug left us and
took my friends to London, we proceeded nearly
to Montalk point then hove aback for the pilot
boat to come and take the pilot to London & the
Barns, At 9 o'clock the pilot left us, we steered
off to the S.E. by E, carrying all sail, At 12 M saw the
last of Montalk point, Block Island bearing N.W. by
W distant 6 miles, The breeze continued fair and
fine weather, unbent the cables and stowed them be-
low decks, and stowed the anchors, At 2 P.M. called
all hands abaft, chose watches and boats crew
then commenced getting boats ready for whaling,
saw a number of vessels through the fog, I
wish for this breeze to last a number of days
At 4 P.M. Block Island is out of sight

At 4 P.M.
Wednesday Sept 30th Lat by obs 40, 40 North Long 77 by ch 79, 47

Commenced with fresh wind from S and
fine weather, steering S.E. the middle and latter part of the day
wind light from S and some cloudy, steering E.S.E. carrying
all sail, struck in to blue water, in the morning on
the edge of green water, saw plenty of porpoises, watches
employed in getting the boats ready for whaling, two or
three of the green hands are sea sick but get along very
well

Lat by obs 39, 50 Long 68, 20