



Ship Napoleon towards the Pacific Ocean James A. Crowell Master

Wednesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

At 10 A.M. took our anchor and proceeded to sea from the Port of New Bedford, bound on as whaling to the Pacific Ocean or else where, with moderate breezes from the S.W. So Ends, the Ship steering out of the Bay, adieu my native land with all my dearest friends adieu.

Thursday Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

Commenced with moderate breezes from the S.W. at 2 P.M. the Pilot took his leave of us, at 5. Saw a land bearing E by N Dist 12 the wind from the S.W. at 6 took in the main top gallant sail and put 2 reefs in the top sails, at 8 set the watch for the night, at 4 A.M. took in the fore and main sail, at 11 P.M. took out the S. Tupper and found it choked with dirt, and spiced and found 40 fathoms water. So Ends

Friday Jan. the 19<sup>th</sup> 1853

Commenced with moderate breezes from the southward with rain. at 1 P.M. set the pump back in its place, at 2 took a breeze from the N.W. and shaped our course S.E. at 5 changed to E.S.E. at 7 close reefed the fore top sail and double reefed the main and took in the fore sail and mizen top sail, at 6 saw a bark steering by to the N.E. and close reefed top sails, at 7 changed our course too S.E. by E. Middle and later part following a gale from the N.W. at 9 A.M. set the fore sail, steering S.E. all well except some sea sickness.

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