

Big Ocean on a Whaling Voyage Bound for San Bay W 1852

Monday March 1st 1852

Commences with strong breezes from the NW and a heavy sea running. Steered S by E at 5 AM more moderate turned out the Reefs and set the main top Gail. Saw a ship heading to the North & East under close reefed main top sail & fore top mast stay sails middle part light wind from the West latter part calm

Lat 46 25 Long 68 33

Tuesday March 2nd

Begins with light winds from the South headed E by S mid night heavy gale from the SW close reefed the top sails and put the courses at 5 AM increasing gale. Hoisted fore under the lee Clew of the main top sail at 8 AM more moderate set close reefed top back & fore sails main sail & jib at 10 AM. Heavy squalls with thunder and lightning took in all sail

Wednesday March 3rd

Begins with strong gales from the NW. Close reefed the sails fore sail headed South middle part the wind half to the NW made all sail & steered SW latter part strong breezes from the North & W with rising clouds

Lat 46 34 04 Long 68 35

Thursday March 4th

Begins with strong breezes from the West and passing clouds. Steered SW middle and latter part fine breezes from the North and passing clouds. Saw a sail to the SW

Lat 46 34 34 Long 68 00

Friday March 5th

Begins with strong breezes from the North inclining E by S. Steered South middle part light air and calm at 4 PM light winds from the South. Saw a brig steering to the North. Ends with fine breezes from the South

Lat 46 29 58 Long 68 30

Saturday March 6th

Begins with fine breezes from the South inclining West at 3 PM tacked to the South & East back in the main top Gail at 4 PM more moderate set the main top Gail sail middle part moderate gale from the SW and fine weather. Steered S by E. Saw great quantities of gulf weeds

Lat 46 28 25 Long 68 10

Sunday March 7th

Begins with fine breezes from the South & West and fine weather. Steered S by E. Saw a brig steering E by E middle part light winds from the SW and calm latter part light winds from the SW. Saw a ship steering NW. Saw a great quantity of gulf weeds

Lat 46 25 50 Long 68 00

Monday March 8th

Begins with light air from the South West. Steered S by E middle part calm latter part light winds from the W & E. Steered SW. Sent up the fore top Gail and set the sails. Saw finback one sail in sight steering NW

Lat 46 20 Long 68 00

Tuesday March 9th

Begins with strong breezes from the W & W and squally with rain. Steered S by W middle part fine weather at 4 PM moderate. Ends with strong breezes from the East and squally appearance

Lat 46 23 25 Long 68 15

Wednesday March 10th

Begins with strong breezes from the East and squally steering SW middle part squally with thunder and lightning. Latter part strong breezes from the SE headed SW. Saw a great number of flying fish

Lat 46 21 10 Long 68 24

Thursday March 11th

Begins with strong breezes from the SE headed SW middle part much the same at 4 PM made the jibe of strong breezes. Steered SW 35 miles of wind making the land the remembrance to be 60 miles to the East