

Remarks on board Ship Saratoga Capt. Harding from New Bedford bound to the W. Pacific and Arctic Ocean on a whaling voyage

Tuesday December 14th 1852

A 10th O'Clock A.M. we weighed anchor and made sail to a strong breeze from the W. N. and shaped our course to the south leaving the home of our youth with our friends and family. In doing this I sacrifice my feelings, the presence of my friends, my home, my wife, and my little ones, feeling it a duty to consult their interest rather than my feelings. Swayed by this mighty impetus I tore myself from them overcome every obstacle break down every barrier and dash away every tear that shall arise through human weakness and even stare death in the face to accomplish this great object, determined to forget all dangers, all hardships and all privations not trusting in my own strength nor for that would be weaknes that could not be tolerated but I will put my trust in Him who has said (I will not forsake you) and if I live to get home it will be found that these resolutions faithfully discharged. December 14th 1852

We are now one year out and I have been able to learn the names and character of the crew. First Mate Cyrus Taber 2nd Mate Daniel Worth belongs to the Vineyard. 3rd Mate Alexander Marchant W. B. 4th Mate Wm Lambert Vineyard. Steward John Thomas. R. Cushman of Marshfield. Charles Pierce Dartmouth and Wm Gannon Eng. Carpenter Eveline R. Childs Com. super W. H. Halephill W. B. Now the passengers hands Nathaniel Coomings alias Shorty Port. Plain N. Y. Joseph G. Charles. Phillipston Mass. Wm. Brown Lancaster. P. N. Charles Wright Hartford Conn calls himself a joiner Henry was born a slave in Maryland Henry Robinson Dominiqua mixed cook but was soon turned out could not fast George Garding Boston Mass. Samuel Anderson Bagby N. Y. Henry Sweet len Falls N. Y. Alias Farmer Wm. Potter Cooper's Mate Harkness N. Y. Burns Medica N. Y. Wm. Root Dover Me. Andrew Hamilton Yosemite Andrew Ashmwell Springfield Mass. Wm Clark Boston Wilcom Hoike N. B. Horan Niagara Id. Henry Williston Port George W. Palmers Hartford Conn. George W. Theobald green N. B. Daniel Williams N. Y. Johnson Heathway N. Y. Wm. H.

Garrett Canriper of Jersey Andrew J. Smith blacksmith black and white, Cabin boy Robert Brown N. B. Boatstewers N. Y. and Wm. Sharp Steerage Boy about 15 years of age Ohio and one dog and a small pig made up our compliment I have found there is quite a number of hogs and dogs on board and wish they had 4 legs