

Charge Sea Surge of New Bedford Oct 18th to 21st

my Father sailed out with us a little ways by
Round Hill or in other words what they call the
Dumplings when a boat came along side for all
those whom did not belong to ship to return to
the land I love so well soon to be left for behind
& to which perhaps I may never return I shook my
Father's hand when we parted & with tears in
my eyes I said God bless you & keep you and if
we meet not here on earth may we meet in heaven
At 11 O'c off about the Sound Pigs Light Ship
Our Pilot left us The weather is usually nice
fresh from S.W. Ship sleazing S.E. & sailing at the
rate of 10 miles per hour which will soon take us out
of sight of land. Stowed away anchors & cables & sent
down tables & got ready generally to butt the dangers
of the deep. Towards night all hands were mustered
aft for the purpose of selecting watches boats crews
&c also a few words were spoken by the Capt in rela-
tion to the voyage wanted every one to understand the
principles of the voyage which was a sperm whaling
on New Zealand hoped that every man would put
his shoulder to the wheel & aid in making a prosper-
ous voyage At home sweet home give me you yet

Wednesday 21st Oct

Winds blowing quite fresh & stormy, the principles
excitement of the day has been in the fitting of the boats
for whaling during the day the current was changed
from S.E. to E.S.E. wind from the North & West Lat
{38 & Long 67.17} It is quite amusing to see the green
hands get around decks some are sea sick & some home
sick & they look as though they had a friend in the
world & did not expect any. Oh no one knows the
feelings of a person about to sail about to sail on a
3 or 4 years whaling voyage until they try it them-
selves but I have been before & know just what to expect
all is I shall try & keep a stiff upper lip do the best
I can & hope to see in the end no wonder there is
none on earth likes home any better than I do I would
be very glad to stay there but under existing circumstances
I am sorry to say I cannot so given by hopes for a while
hoping I may see you again soon with a good voyage in pocket

Bound to New Zealand Sperm Whaling

Oct 21st

Light breeze from S.W. steering E.S.E. & S.E.
Lat 39.23 Long 65.12 employed fitting the
Boats & getting in readiness for whaling generally
about 7 P.M. wind hauls to Southward & began
to breeze up took in the light sails

Oct 22nd

Winds blowing a gale from Southward
& westward cloudy & raining in fact it is
very uncomfortable weather

Oct 23rd

The gale has abated rain in abundance
some very sharp lightning & heavy thunder
steering S.E. & E.S.E. wind S.W. & blowing
quite fresh fine weather this P.M.
have been breaking out trying to find the
wharabouts of oracles we shall need

Oct 24th

Lat 39.43 Long 54.11 employed backing out
& fitting the boats & plenty for every one
to do. Fine weather wind continued about
N.W. Sunday at N. fine weather & feel
unusually homesick on account I suppose
of not having any thing to take up my
mind

Oct 25th

Lat 39.28 Long 54.26 beautiful weather
& light wind from the North. I find
that we have considerable music on board
we have a Cabinet Organ a Concertina
an Accordion & Flute & also some very
good players & makes it very pleasant to have
a little music once & a while to brighten a
gloomy hour. This evening the Organ was taken
out on deck & we sang & played some sacred
music it reminds me strongly of the many
social sings I had participated in my first
stop at home at N. W. good weather & a good breeze
from S.W. breaking out water &c so much