

Onboard the Good Ship Roman.

Capt Beth W. Blacmer

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1849

These 24 hours come with pleasant breeze from  
S.W. at 4 PM made all sail & keep off ~~the~~  
To day the moon full and all hands in hoping  
to see a whale it is 40 days since we saw  
the spout of a sperm whale as for my part  
I am getting quite uneasy we have obtained  
1000 lbs of whale oil & 200 sperm and are 15 days  
from home and have had no news and what is  
still worse do not expect to see where we can  
get any. O, Dear, Lat 33<sup>o</sup> 14' N. Long 117<sup>o</sup> 32' W  
E. R. Ashley

Friday Sep 21<sup>st</sup> 1849

These 24 hours we have a fine breeze from S.W.  
and quite pleasant for this lat ship steering S by W  
all the canvas that will draw set aboard for the launch  
to recruit ship for home we have obtained about 800  
800 lbs of oil 250 lbs sperm and are 14 days from the  
Coote sea.