

Journal of a voyage from the Red Sea to California
Commenced August 12th 1849.

Wind S.W.

Sunday August 12th 1849

The Ship Alexander Coffin sailed from the Harbor
of New Bedford about 10 o'clock Sunday am. It
rounded the Cape to San Francisco California
Her cargo consisted of Gumbee Yankee Seals & specu-
ims. We had a very little whale salt hays during the
day. About 6 P.M. The port 3d mates chose their watches
at which time we found out we had taken away two
men with us, more than our complement but as they
proved better of their first date men no one has yet
regretted them stowing themselves away. So ends the first
24 hours all well & in good spirits.

Lat. 42° 30' N.

Long 124° 00' W.

Mon Aug August 13 1849

Wind S.W. commencing with light
breeze. Then being considerable motion to the ship, nearly
all of the passengers were sea sick & although I am perfectly
unacquainted with the complaint yet from their looks I
could easily believe they were suffering extreme pain. I am
sure could have been landed during their sickness I
hardly think they would have trusted themselves on
the sea again. There was nothing more than ordinary
sickness to be seen this 24 hours.

Lat 42° 30' N Long 124° 00' W

Tue 14th 1849

Light wind & pleasant weather spoke Brig Northman of
Boston bound for Mexico to Boston on account of a leak
she having started for Barcelona Spain loaded with timber
We came on board of her to drive & took letters home for us
The port light vessels employed in filling & unloading sails
& filling rigging.

Lat 40° 50' N

