

Friday Aug 24.

Commences with light winds from S.W. heading E.S.E. but later the wind S.E. by E. The weather has been beautiful all day. Last night had the toothache so bad that I slept but little in the whole night. Passengers have about recovered their spirits & employ their leisure in playing whist & in cleaning their firearms, preparing to use them in California. Saw whales at 5 P.M. & lowered the larboard quarter boat, to strike them but after a fruitless chase of an hour they returned to the ship, which mean time lay too remote to make a haul, with no reward for their labour except an increased appetite.

Latitude 32.59



Longitude 48.34

Saturday Aug 25

Light winds & pleasant weather, nothing unusual happened. Windward part much the same. Saw Black fish after dinner but as they were galled it was thought best not to attempt to take any. Towards night saw dolphin and tried several times to catch them both with lines & with the shark bait grains, but without success. Passengers all well. Towards night it fell away calm & remained so nearly all night.

Lat 32.25 N Longitude 47.51 W

Sunday Aug 26.

Light winds & calms. Saw dolphin in the morning but did not take any. The weather continuing calm did not make much head way. Saw dolphin again in the afternoon & one of the passengers took one with a hook & line. The other third mate afterwards took one with his grains, and we had an excellent Chowder for supper. This day is so still on shipboard that a persons thoughts often recur to his home than on any other day.

Lat 32.27 N Longitude 45.53 W

Monday Aug 27.

Begins with light winds & calms & continues through the day. The weather still continues pleasant. Saw dolphin but did not catch but one, towards noon saw a school of Alacote, got our lines in readiness but did not succeed in catching any. In the evening had some music from the Passengers, or a Breeze & Cerphoelyd. It sounded beautiful and forcibly reminded me of Home.

Lat. 32.25 Long. 45.45 W

Tuesday Aug 28.

Light winds & pleasant weather. Saw dolphin but caught none. Nothing remarkable happened, that I can think of. Some of the Passengers begin to feel their qualmsiness come over them again owing to their not stirring round sufficient. As long as they sit down & lean their heads upon casks, so long they will experience the same feelings, but enough they are wise in their own conceit. Let them suffer I care not.

Lat. 31.38 N Long. 45.05 W

Wednesday Aug 29.

Begins with fine breeze ship in sight off weather beam. Crew employed in breaking out the Run of string down again. Saw dolphin again but caught none. We begin to think we are much favoured with calms & light winds having more than our share. But so goes the world & we know it, is an ill wind that does no good to any one. Saw Black fish this P.M. but did not lower for them, as the crew were all busy breaking out the after hole.

Lat 30.35 Long 44.34 W