

Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1850. This Day  
Commenced with strong winds from the Eastward  
Ship heading North and going along 8 knots more or  
less. If this wind holds I shall give her till Sunday  
noon to get her Anchor down. Towards noon it  
began to breeze stronger, so much so that we took  
in all three Top Gallant sails, and at 9 P.M. see  
her under close reefed Topsails & Courses. Nothing  
Remarkable happened, so ends. All well.

Lat 30° 27"  
Course N. Wind East - by N. (Long Stone Taken)

Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> 1850. This Day  
Commenced with strong winds from Westward Ship going  
along freely with Royals out. Saw Pigeons & took one.  
After dinner it moderated, and was nearly calm till  
towards night when a breeze sprang up from S.W. and  
continued blowing on till 10 P.M. at which time as the  
night before the ship was going off under close reefed  
fore & main Topsails & foresail. Never mind, she is going a  
good 1/2 knots under that sail. Blow away to Stanton's.  
never mind how much, if it be only in the right  
place. Nothing Remarkable happened.

Lat 33° 09"  
Course N by E. Wind W to S.W. (Long 125° 14" by Luman)

Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> 1850 Injunct  
out this morning and found the wind in the same  
old hole ship going along well enough, but it is tremendous now  
all hands in high spirits, expecting to make land tomorrow  
and Monday. My God it may moderate for soon so we can  
carry sail. We have got a reefed main sail on her now but it's all  
spilt down at present. Weather pretty clear & cold, regular American  
weather. Although not as cold as on the other side of land  
Nothing Remarkable happened this day. Saw a hail to windward  
blowing to the Southward so ends all well.

Lat 35° 29"  
Long 123° 12"

Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> 1850.  
Commenced with light winds from S. Land so continued through the  
day or rather forenoon. At noon the wind breezed on, and the old  
ship went through the water freely, but not enough for us  
to get ashore today. Made Land at 2 P.M. In the morning  
we raised a hail forward of our Weather Beacon, we then beat  
him out. But after dinner hauled aback & spoke her, & found  
her to be the Ship Japan, Bygones of Boston. She sailed the  
29<sup>th</sup> day of last July. 14 days out longer than ourselves. Poor  
fellows I pity them from the bottom of my heart. There is a  
hard lot. Their longitude was the same as ours 122° 45" W  
but their latitude much different 37° 24". After speaking  
her we braced forward, and stood after her, and soon  
got her in her place, astern of us. Towards night took in  
Top Gallant sails & reefed the Topsails, intending to lay too  
on different tacks all night, as the weather is too dark  
and foggy to think of running in to night. The bravery  
of our Captain in snow doubled by none as it is a well  
known fact to all on board, that he keeps all his pistols  
loaded, and never thinks of turning in without a pair of  
Pistols under his pillow. All well. So ends Harra for California  
Course N by E. Wind S.W. (Lat 36° 50"  
Long 122° 45")

Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 1850  
This day commences with fair winds from S. Land in sight  
now at 2 P.M. we can see the City, to judge from the Forest  
sprouts, one would suppose that there were a great  
many vessels in the Port. We are going in in company  
with 17 Ships & Barks all Americans. We think the lot  
going in. The City is now only 6 miles off Goddy Goddy;  
I can't believe it hardly. Tomorrow I am in hopes to  
give some description of San Francisco, and the adjacent  
Country, God grant it.

Lat 37.49  
Long 122.14.