

Log of Bark Action of New Bedford

Sunday July 27th 1856
Commences with dry moderate pleasant weather under all sail at 3¹/₂ P.M. course N.E. middle and latter part weather the same course N.E. saw plenty of grampus porpoise so ends these 24 hours

Lat 34° 02' N Long

Monday July 28th
Commences with very pleasant moderate weather wind S. course N.E. under all drawing sail middle part course N.E. by E. at 9¹/₂ A.M. saw white water 5 miles off run for it which proved to be sperm whale at 10 A.M. lowered larboard & waist boats 3 mate steering larboard boat at 10¹/₂ larboard boat struck and took him to the ship two boats chased to leeward so ends these 24 hours two boats in chase of whales

Supposed Lat 38° 40' N

Tuesday July 29th
Commences with fresh breeze from S. with a whale alongside got to larboard boat at 4 P.M. boat came on board waist boat got on to a whale and the iron came out as strait as it went in at 5 P.M. hooked on to cut got hook piece and jaw in and hooked on to the head when strap tore out and knocked off for the night sat short watch middle part watch employed in hauling blubber &c &c latter part finished cutting in saw the Island of Pico bearing N.E. headed to S.E. wind S.S.W. under reefed topsails jib and spanker so ends

Lat 38° 45'

Capt Com Wood bound to Pacific Ocean

Wednesday July 30th 1856
Commences with fine weather all hands employed in clearing up decks and baling case at 1 P.M. had case all clear baled about 8 barrels at 4 P.M. saw white water tacked for it at sunset wore ship again and steered E.S.E. and sat the watch middle part pleasant at daylight saw the Island of Fayal ahead at 12 M. was up with the A side finished boiling head and started on body so ends

Off Fayal

Thursday July 31st
Commences with fresh breeze from S. steering in under the lee of Fayal under double reefed topsails jib and spanker at 9 P.M. got becalmed and called all hands and towed out into the breeze middle part beating up through between Pico and Fayal and boiling at 1 A.M. was up with Florida latter part laying off and on I went on shore on Cape Verde bringing at 12 returned so ends these 24 hours cooled down for want of blubber turned up 53 barrels off Fayal

Friday Aug 1st 1856
Commences with fine breeze from S. beating to get by Fayal at sunset was out clear took in sail to single reefed topsails courses jib and spanker middle wind caught to W.S.W. & W.N.W. with rain at daylight sat all sail at 11 A.M. tacked ship to W. wind N.W. latter part fresh breeze took in gaff topsail and f.j. jib so ends

No Observation