

Chas. Phelps

North West
Tuesday August 15th 1848

Flowing a smart gale from the SSE and drizzly, rugged weather. Under double reefed top sails. At 1 noon ship to the S. Duty weather. Latter part strong breeze from the S and drizzle rain. At 7 set single reefed top sails jibs and main top gal sail. At 10 saw a dead whale to the NW. Chased off for him

Monday August 16th Strong breeze from the S and drizzly dirty weather. Steaming NW for the whale. At 12 took him alongside. A sperm whale. He was hurt under the hump. At 2 hooked on and tried to cut both to the windward and leeward but could do nothing with him. Chased up every thing and put the ship before the wind and succeeded in cutting at 8 finished. And at 10 had the deck cleared up and set single reefed top sails. Heading SE. Showery. Latter part strong breeze from the N.W. and breezy in. At 9 began boiling. At 10 took in jib 58.12
146.25

Thursday August 17th Flowing a smart gale from the N.W. and very rugged. Heading S under single reefed top sails. Boiling. At 2 took in fore and main top sails. At 6 moderated. At 7 saw right whale. But too rough and late to lower. Midday part flowing strong and squally. Latter part moderate fast. At 8 set top gal sail and jib. At 10 backed to NW. Saw fin back. At 10 backed to SSE. no 25

Friday August 18th

Freezing on strong from the N.W. and squally. Showery weather. Boiling. At 1 took in jib and top gal sail. At 3 took in fore and main top sails. Flowing strong. At 6 moderated fast and drizzle. At 10 finished boiling (H.S.) Midday part moderate from the N.W. and rain. Latter part light breeze from the S and good weather. All sail set heading SSE. 56.25

Saturday August 19th

Light winds from the N.W. and fog squally. Heading SSE with all sail set. Began stopping down. At 1 saw a right whale and lowered for him but could not strike. At 2 shot in thick drizzle. Weather. Wind SSE. At 5 finished stopping. At 6 packed ship to the N.W. and took in sail to double reefed top sails and jib. Heavy rain. Midday part some clouds to the N. At 12 steamed off SE. Latter part flowing a smart gale from the N.W. and squally, rugged weather. At 6 set whole top sail and main top gal sail. Steaming SSE. Saw right whale 54.58
141.43

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Sunday August 20th 1848

Flowing a smart gale from the N.W. with squally, rugged weather. Steaming SE by S under whole top sails. Main top gallant sail set and main sail. At 7 took in sail to a double reefed fore and main top sail. Midday part squally. Latter part flowing a gale from the N.W. and squally. At 8 set single reefed top sails. Main top gallant sail set and main sail. Boiled SE by S. Breezy on. At 10 took in main top gal sail 52.50

Monday August 21st

Flowing a strong gale from the N.W. and squally rugged weather. Steaming SE by S. At 1 set the courses, main top sail and jib. Took them on and finished them. At 7 double reefed top fore and main top sails and backed to the S. Midday part flowing heavy. Latter part the weather continued the same. Set single reefed fore and main top sail. SE by S 50.21
143.18

Tuesday August 22nd

Flowing a gale from the N.W. and squally rugged weather. Steaming SE by S under single reefed top sails. Main top gal sail. At 4 unbent the courses and bent new ones and set them. Midday part carrying sail. Moderated at 2 set all sail. Latter part heavy breeze and good weather. Set up fore top mast stunsail gear and set the sail. Clearing up. No 25 147.20

Wednesday Aug 23rd

Light winds from the N.W. by W and good weather with fog squally. Steaming SSE with fore top mast stunsail set. Bent a new spanker and setting top gallant stunsail gear. At 6 dined away calm. At 9 a lively breeze sprang up from the N.W. Steaming SE. Latter part lively wind and fog squally. Washing ship 15.25

Thursday Aug 24th

Light winds from the N.W. and good weather. Steaming SE by W with all sail set. Employed in washing ship. At 4 finished. Midday part lively wind and drizzle. At 2 the wind N.W. and clear up. Set the stunsail. Latter part lively wind and fine weather. At work on the rigging. Setting up shrouds and jibing 12.53

Friday Aug 25th

Light winds from the N.W. and fine weather. Everything set. Steaming SE by E. At work on rigging. Setting up shrouds &c. Midday part light wind and fog squally. At 10 took on the rigging 11.20
142.18