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Tuesday Jan 16th 1849

Light winds from SE and fine weather. All sail set steering N.W. Making sea. Middle part steering N.W. under whole top sails. Latter part lively wind. Set all sail. Lowered and got 2 Blackfish. Saw 3 shoals going very quick.

Lat. 8

Wednesday Jan 17th

Lively winds. Steering N.W. under all sail. Saw many Blackfish going fast lowered and got one. Middle part the weather the same. Latter part at 8 began boiling Blackfish. Lowered and

7.03
85.25Thursday Jan 18th

Lively winds from the SE and good weather. Steering N. Boiling at 4 finished and stowed N.W. Making sea. Until 5 when we saw a very large shoal of sperm whales, cows and calves. Very much scattered and going very fast to the leeward. Lowered and after a hard pull struck a cow killed her and at 8 had her to the ship. Latter part at 5.2 hooked on and at 7 had the whale in at 9 began boiling body and clearing away the head.

6.39

Friday Jan 19th

Lively winds. Steering N.W. Employed in boiling the body of the whale. At 7 finished it and cooked down the blubber for the night. Middle part stowed N.W. Latter part lively wind. At 7 began boiling head.

5.55
88.50Saturday Jan 20th

Lively winds from SE. Steering N.W. At 2 finished boiling. Middle part from 12 until 4 being at back heading S.W. then steering N.W. Latter part lively wind. Employed in stowing blackfish oil in the run.

5.03

Sunday Jan 21st

Lively winds from the SE and good weather. Steering N.W. Caught a school of Blackfish going very quick. Did not lower. Middle part steering under whole top sails. Latter part smart breeze. Set the main top gallant sail.

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91.55

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Monday Jan 22nd 1849

Light winds from the SE and good weather. Steering N.W. with whole top sails and main top gallant sail set. Middle part the same. Latter part set all sail. Employed in stowing down head stags.

3.10

Tuesday Jan 23rd

Light winds from the SE and good weather. All sail set steering N.W. Saw many Blackfish going quick. Lowered once but could not strike. Employed in fitting cutting gear. At 10.30 in top gal sail. Middle part the weather the same. Latter part set all sail. Employed in stowing down oil.

2.27
94.55Wednesday Jan 24th

Lively winds from the SE and good weather. All sail set steering N.W. Saw a number of bottom. Middle part almost calm. Latter part a lively wind. Saw porpoises and a Humpback.

1.52
96.00Thursday Jan 25th

Lively winds from the SE and good weather. All sail set steering N.W. Saw many porpoises and a finback. Middle part light winds. Latter part smart breeze. Saw finbacks.

S. 1.46

Friday Jan 26th

Light winds from the SE and good weather. All sail set steering N.W. Saw finbacks, Grampasses and porpoises. Middle part moderate. Latter part light winds. Steering N.

6.09 S
98.49Saturday Jan 27th

Light winds from the SSE. All sail set steering N.W. Saw porpoises. Middle part very moderate. Latter part lively breeze. Saw a finback. Current setting N.E.

N. 1.22
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