

Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Billings Birch

days from Tuesday Jan 31st
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Commenced with a light breeze from S. heading W. S. W. at 1 P. M. calm at 7 P. M. took a head from S. E. steering S. W. breeze increasing all P. M. later part of P. M. shifted to S. strong breeze all A. M. steering S. W.

Salt by lbs. 48.00
 Long by chrs. 53.07

Wednesday Jan 1st 1851

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This year comes in with a fair wind it being from the S. steering S. S. W. at 8 P. M. steering S. later part of P. M. wind died away & shifted to S. at 8 A. M. took a strong breeze from S. heading E. S. E. A. M. double reefed the topsails & top in gills & main sail course S. by E. for Staten Land

Salt by lbs. 49.30
 Long by chrs. 64.04

Thursday Jan 2nd

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Commenced with a head wind it being from S. under double reef topsails beating to windward mid way between the West pass & the East of Patagonia at 10 A. M. wind hailed to S. W. later part of A. M. hailed to W. S. W. heading up S. A. M. all sail on fore part of P.

Salt by lbs. 50.17
 Long by chrs. 65.30

Friday Jan 3rd

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Commenced with a strong breeze from W. S. W. heading S. under double topsails. Main sail & gills full later part of P. M. moderated wind all sail all A. M. pleasant weather with the wind ahead it being from S. S. W. course S. E.

Salt by lbs. 57.42
 Long by chrs. 68.05

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Saturday Jan 4th
 after wind

Commenced with pleasant weather wind from S. W. heading S. E. at 4 P. M. wind shifted to W. steering S. for Staten Land. Had a great quantity of fire back the day with light variable wind

Salt by lbs. 53.15
 Long by chrs. 68.23

Sunday Jan 5th

Commenced with light variable weather at 7 P. M. calm at 2 P. M. Staten Land bearing S. by E. distant 80 miles at 9 P. M. a light air from E. heading S. S. E. A. M. took a good breeze from S. at 9 A. M. made Starch Land bearing S. W. at 11 A. M. saw one large sperm whale. Run close to him blowing hard at this time. Top tugged to labor at 1/2 11 made wind shifted to W. wore ship in pursuit of the whale but it commenced blowing again wore back and double reefed the topsails at one

Sperm


Salt by lbs. 54.52
 Long by chrs. 69.38

Monday Jan 6th

Commenced with a strong breeze from W. at 1/2 past 12 moderated & shifted to S. at one wore ship again to look for the sperm whale stood by the S. till 2 P. M. at our Chronometer stood that time corresponded to 130 to 40 miles out slow again wore back again at the way the place heading S. E. at 4 P. M. the ship on the S. E. calm at 8 P. M. took a light breeze from W. at 9 P. M. all sail set at 9 P. M. Staten Land bearing W. distant 25 miles at 2 A. M. under single reef topsails at 11 A. M. took in gills & main sail fore part of this 24 hours strong wind at 8 A. M. Staten Land in sight bearing W. S. W.

in Waist Boat
 after Noon

Salt by lbs. 55.33
 Long by chrs. 69.02
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