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Remarks on Monday Dec 24th
 P.M. Having a gentle wind from S.W. & heading S.W. by W. wind, clouds & thick squalls hanging around in horizon. Starboard watch on deck. 4th. and fore topsail and sail. Midnight light air & calm grasping line or no speech. P.M. having a light wind from S.W. steering S.W. by E. Port watch employed at getting out meat. 1st. Starboard watch on deck employed on small jobs such painting numerous things. 1st. cleared up the decks.
 Lat 5-4 North Long 12-18

Remarks on Tuesday Dec 25th
 P.M. Commences with a gentle wind from S.W. & steering S.W. by E. 1st. check in the yards. Port watch on deck employed on numerous small jobs 4th. collected water and cleared up. 6th. coming up this side to the forward. Midnight gentle wind from S.W. & P.M. 1st. Port watch on deck attending at ship's duty. 1st. by the wind heading S.W. by E.
 Lat 5-4 North Long 12-43

Remarks on Wednesday Dec 26th
 P.M. Having a moderate wind from S.W. & steering by the wind, heading S.W. by E. Starboard watch on deck employed at ship's duty. At 3h. Mr. Eng raised a large sperm whale off the weather beam, called all hands and got the boat ready. 3.15 lowered 3 boats and went up off the weather beam about 3 miles and their way stopped for a hour, then up and the signal "Whale ahead" of the ship long dist off, and the Starboard boat came and in chase on till sun down then come aboard without success, not even see him from the boat, it is head and discouraging. The whale was going about S.W. by E. very quick. Midnight by the wind heading S.W. by E. 1st. Starboard watch on deck employed. At 6h. 1st. cleared S.W.
 Lat 5-4 North Long 12-06

Remarks on Thursday Dec 27th
 P.M. Commences with a gentle wind from S.W. & steering by the wind, heading S.W. by E. Port watch on deck employed. 1st. has not seen that whale today didn't expect to be is a long dist from us if the kept going with the same speed. It seems as if we are doomed, I don't see what the difference is having done anything, sent back and you still we would feel grateful for one. Midnight wind & weather about the same. P.M. 4h. had a rain shower. 1st. pleasant & clear. Port watch on deck attending at duty.
 Lat 5-55 North Long 12-10 West

Remarks on Friday Dec 28th
 P.M. Having the wind from S.W. with squalls and mist. Ship heading S.W. by E. but the wind Starboard watch on deck attending at ship's duty. At 4h. called the watch and cleared up. Midnight a fresh wind by the wind & heading the same. P.M. 1st. Starboard watch on deck employed at fitting stay for the gaff topsail mast. The gaff topsail is a source of trouble to us, seems almost impossible to get it all right. 1st. has not seen anything at all since we saw that whale.
 Lat 5-35 North Long 100-00

Remarks on Saturday Dec 29th
 P.M. Commences with a fresh wind from S.W. heading S.W. by E. by the wind. Port watch on deck employed on the gaff topsail rigging. 4h. cleared up. 1st. cleared up fresh wind with squalls heading S.W. by E. 5h. water and clear. 1st. Port watch on deck attending at ship's duty. Our progress is slow towards the off shore ground yet I expect getting to the S.W. I suppose we'll get there in time bread has time for everything I feel as if it would be some time before we get a voyage.
 Lat 5-00 North Long 101-03