

"The Line"

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Remarks on Thursday April 23rd

P.M. Pleasant weather with moderate trade quite rugged though, account having a strong current setting W. by N. Ship by the wind heading N.E. Port water on deck employed. 12 - 14. As the deck by the wind through the night. W.M. at daylight commenced getting out water. At 6 A.M. heard a cheer from about "Blue Blows" from Mr. Jones. Sperm Whales 4 pts off weather bow & miles distant everything bid fair for two or more Whales weather, so pleasant and early in the day, but we were very much disappointed for the Whales were going to windward & quick in a short time than that we saw first out of sight saw them going at the same speed from 5 to 7 miles off.

Lat 22° 29' South Long 131° 47'

Remarks on Friday April 24th

P.M. We had the pleasure of getting the boat ready for whaling this forenoon and that was about all for the Whales did not stop in sight long enough to get them into the water. It seems hard to see Whales that was and having such good weather too. The Whales are generally steering the current here today it was the opposite going with the current. Ship heading N.E. Whales went out of sight going E.S.E. Midnight pleasant steering full of 12. At 1 P.M. 14. Starboard water on deck employed clear of smooth & strong current setting N.E. saw a school of Blackfish of 100 or more, did not stop for them.

Lat 22° 34' South Long 131° 37'

Remarks on Saturday April 25th

P.M. All day we've been expecting to see Whales haven't seen them yet quite doubtful, rather we do. It's quite lively plenty of Blackfish & porpoises they are all good signs. Weather is good enough for me and everything smooth & clear strong current setting N.E. Ship heading N.E. Port water on deck employed, setting W. by N. Starboard water on deck employed, setting W. by N. at daylight headed N.E. by the wind. 14. Port water on deck employed, sent up cutting ladders attending to other duties.

Lat 22° 32' South Long 131° 36'

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Remarks on Sunday April 26th

P.M. Commenced with moderate trade and pleasant ship heading N.E. by the wind. Starboard water on deck employed. Carpenter employed putting a addition on the skylight by the wind through the night. Midnight looked headed N.E. W.M. smooth & pleasant with a gentle wind 14. Starboard water on deck.

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Remarks on Monday April 27th

P.M. Having gentle breeze and pleasant weather Port water on deck. Ship heading N.E. by the wind. At 10 A.M. Richmond saw branches 1 pt off by low in few minutes saw spots they were Sperm Whales first thing got the boat ready and lowered soon as possible for we had the time to open the gun near the horizon. At 11 A.M. the boat struck and killed him got him, alongside ship. Night laying with the head yards aback small whale alongside. A.M. at daylight called all hands commenced cutting in and we are having fine weather for it here. Saw more Whales to cut they be much better. 14. Whales in our net employed clearing away the head of 12. Saw finbacks. Since breakfast were gone and 60 miles to N. must be a strong current.

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Remarks on Tuesday April 28th

P.M. Having beautiful weather Breeze as I sail from and clear. Expecting to see Whales but they must remain some when we next expect them any quantity of finbacks. Steering S. Port water on deck standing boiling water. W.M. began and slowly. 14. Port water on deck at 8 A.M. finished boiling and clear. 12. 14. turned up. Water employed in washing tubs and clean any up. Saw finbacks & porpoises from aloft.

Lat 22° 32' South Long 131° 36'