

Remarks on Board Bark Clara Bell

Tuesday Aug 6th 1861

Commences with much better weather than we have been to having none. I hope and pray we may have a little good luck for we are worn out & go home in a few days. God grant we may be able to catch a few. Middell part of day. Vatter part more pleasant but nothing in sight.

Lat 40.15 N Long 73.00

Wednesday 7th

Commences with squalls. A storm & rain. 2 PM luff a little to the eastward. Nothing in sight at sunset. Took in the canvas and bed. Ship lay to.

Thursday 8th

the same old thing nothing in sight.

Friday 9th

Commences with strong wind. Sailed with the fair breeze. A black men were landed in sight. Vatter part went in fishing.

Saturday 10th

Came with light shades. Boat returned with a good lot of fish and I sincerely hope we shall have some luck. Middell part light shades some rain. Vatter part strong trades & squally. Saw Blackfish. Saw a boat but could not catch. We saw a ship standing to. Westward. Stopped at 6 o'clock. Sunset luff a little. Wind.

Cruising for Whales

Sunday 11th

Commences with good weather. Eng but nothing to do and we are ready in want of some Whales and I hope the time is not far distant when we shall have the good fortune to get some. Middell & Vatter part strong. All hands employed doing nothing.

Monday 12th

Same old thing and it seems almost impossible to get any Whales.

Tuesday 13th

There is quite a decrease nothing in sight and I really feel bad for I know that my employees are expecting a cargo of oil. Lat 40.01 N Long 73.00

Wednesday 14th

How much we want some oil so as to go home or rather get home by June 15th. God grant we may. Middell & Vatter part weather good nothing in sight. Lat 40.16 N Long 73.00

Thursday 15th

the same old thing nothing in sight and I am almost ready to despair but all things are for the best.

Friday 16th

Came with strong trades. Once blowing back by the wind. By 1 PM under easy sail. Nothing in sight. Can we find any? Know when we shall see Whales or sunset shortened sail to double reef.