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Tuesday Dec 16th All this day gentle breeze from the N.E. saw fishback 1 sail one S.W. land in the N.E. nothing more

Lat 17° 33' Long 33° 40'

Wednesday Dec 17th All this day gentle breeze from the N.E. nothing in sight north of Bull.

Lat 17° 28' Long 33° 32'

Thursday Dec 18th All this day gentle breeze from Eastward saw 4 sails nothing more in sight

Lat 16° 58' Long 33° 38'

Friday Dec 19th First part of this day gentle breeze from the N.E. at 8 AM. gazed the Bark Mattaford of N.B. 7 sails and 25 spinn. Sailed in light middle of the port. Calm. Saw Porpoises several this day

Lat 16° 35' Long 33° 27'

Saturday Dec 20th All this day gentle breeze from Northward heavy swell. Saw 2 sails nothing more in sight. Steady to the S.W. all day

Lat 17° 13' Long 34° 06'

Sunday Dec 21st All this day gentle breeze from the N.E. fine weather saw 2 sails nothing more

Lat 17° 27' Long 34° 31'

Monday Dec 22nd All this day gentle breeze from the N.E. at 1/2 P.M. saw 1 spinn. Whales going to S.W. at 2 P.M. leeward. 1 boat struck whale run to leeward. 1 boat struck, got 4, got them along side and all fast at 7 1/2 clock in fore sail. Saw one dark land E.

Lat 17° 32' Long 34° 50'

Tuesday Dec 23rd All this day gentle breeze from N.E. with light rain squalls got up. powder on commenced cutting got 3 in one and one head. got through at 7 1/2 PM. made the rest fast from the night nothing in sight

Lat 18° 00' Long 35° 00'

Wednesday Dec 24th all this day fresh breeze from N.E. with heavy rain squalls in the morning heaved on back in other gale & heaved. cloud away & heaved and reached up at 5 P.M. started making still raining nothing in sight so ends this day quite rough.

Lat 18° 00'

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Thursday Dec 25th All this day fresh breeze from the N.E. pleasant weather at mid day cloud away head and reached all the blebs nothing in sight

Lat 18° 15' Long 35° 28'

Friday Dec 26th All this day gentle breeze from N.E. fine weather still feeling strong 4 seals were shot down. Saw a black land N. so ends this day

Lat 18° 35' Long 35° 22'

Saturday Dec 27th All this day gentle breeze from the Eastward at 5 1/2 AM finished cutting started down 33 sails nothing in sight

Lat 18° 32' Long 35° 22'

Sunday Dec 28th All this day light breeze from the Eastward at daylight commenced to slow down at 7 AM. saw 8 spinn. Whales off deck going great to windward. lowered for them got nothing made all sail & started to windward finished steering down backed off main deck nothing more in sight

Lat 17° 33' Long 35° 20'

Monday Dec 29th All this day fresh breeze from N.E. under 2 jibs foresail & bysail. saw 2 small braches nothing more in sight at night put 2 reefs in foresail so ends this day.

Lat 17° 23' Long 35° 18'

Tuesday Dec 30th All this day gentle breeze from Eastward at 1 1/2 PM. saw 8 spinn. Whales going to S.W. saw 2 spinn. from then 2 lines going great. Saw black post from fore Porpoises 2 sails in sight

Lat 17° 28' Long 35° 00'

Wednesday Dec 31st All this day gentle breeze from the Eastward overhauled all the gear in the P.M. saw a break. nothing more in sight

Lat 18° 18' Long 34° 30'

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Thursday January 1st All this day gentle breeze from the Eastward nothing in sight - and to the Westward so ends this day

Lat 18° 10' Long 34° 40'