

Dark Clouds Off The Coast Of Africa 1879

Friday July 11th

First part calm, latter on Port tack
Middle part the same, latter part on
Starboard tack.

Lat. $17^{\circ} 02' S$
Long. $5^{\circ} 49' E$

Saturday July 12th

First part strong trade, kept off N.E.
and luffed to on the Starboard tack
at 8 o'clock A.M. Middle part more
moderate. Latter part fine breeze.

Lat. $16^{\circ} 18' S$
Long. $6^{\circ} 12' E$

Sunday July 13th

First part fine light trade, on Port tack
Middle & latter part calm.

Lat. $16^{\circ} 31' S$
Long. $6^{\circ} 15' E$

Monday July 14th

First part calm, latter light air from the
N.W. Raised a lone sperm whale at
3 o'clock A.M. 5 miles off and lowered
and pulled for him off the mainmast
stanchion at 5 o'clock. Turned him
up & towed him to the ship. Got
him alongside at 1 o'clock P.M.
Latter part cutting.

Lat. $16^{\circ} 26' S$

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Tuesday July 15th

First part calm. Got the whale in
gill. Put the case. Middle part commenced
drilling. Latter part light trade. Rose in the
case, and raised two whales that are
called sperm whales, and lowered for
them, but did not see them afterwards.

Lat. $16^{\circ} 13' S$
Long. $6^{\circ} 30' E$

Wednesday July 16th

First part light trade. Employed in sailing
case, clearing up decks, and drilling.
Middle part same. Latter part fine breeze
on Port tack.

Lat. $16^{\circ} 14' S$
Long. $6^{\circ} 30' E$

Thursday July 17th

First part light trade on Port tack,
drilling. Middle part on Starboard tack
Latter part on Port tack

Lat. $16^{\circ} 18' S$
Long. $6^{\circ} 15' E$

Friday July 18th

First part on Port tack, finished drilling.
Middle part same. Latter part raised sperm
whales at daylight close to the ship
going to the windward chased them
with the ship but they went out of
sight before noon.

Lat. $16^{\circ} 34' S$
Long. $5^{\circ} 37' E$