

Ship Com. Morris of New Bedford
Monday Dec. 19th

Came in with light airs from the S and fine weather. At 6 A.M. hooked on and commenced cutting on the Whales - found that one - the largest - had got adrift in the night through the parting of the fluke chain. At daylight sent the 2nd mate off to search for the whale - found it some three miles to the windward and commenced towing to the ship - second mate with Whist boat went to assist him - at 8^h raised Spermaceti Whales - showed up for St Michaels - about 30 Bbls - lowered away the Lark, and started Bow Boat and gave chase - several whales came up close to the ship - Lark boat attempted to go on but by some means or other the whale saw or heard the boat - boatster darted but could not reach the whale - the Whist Boat joining in the chase and followed them up until about 1 P.M. and then finding they could not gain on the whales gave up the chase and came on board. In the P.M. cut in the other two whales and got all through by 6 P.M. - then got supper and started the work. 30 miles S.E. of Terceira - Whales

Tuesday Dec. 20th

Came in with light airs from the S.E. and quite fine weather. Ship by the wind on different backs cruising - all hands employed in clearing away heads, bailing and getting boats. - Saw one sail steering to the N.E. - saw plenty of birds, - 4 men sick off duty - Andrews, Querner, Co, Eastwood and H Winslow

Cruising In The North Atlantic Ocean,
Wednesday, Dec. 21st

Came in with moderate breezes from the S. and overcast. Ship by the wind to the W. N.W. with all prudent sail out, cruising St Michaels and Terceira both in sight. Watch employed in bailing and doing other work about ship - in the P.M. saw one sail steering down under the E side of Terceira - at 3 P.M. wind hauled suddenly to the northward with little rain - ship standing to the E. - saw one finback today, at sunset about 9 miles to the E of S.E. point of Terceira.

Thursday Dec. 22nd

Came in with light baffling winds from the S.W. and overcast with light rain - ship by the wind to the S.W. with all prudent sail out, cruising - nothing in sight all day but one finback of the whale species. The Island of Terceira but a few miles to windward. - saw one sail steering to the N and E. - saw also porpoises and a great many schools of small fish - at sunset off whale - rock north side of Terceira. - all night nearly calm.

Friday, Dec. 23rd

Came in with strong gales from the W. and squally weather. Ship under easy sail off the north side of Terceira steering to the E. for a lea in order to stow oil. Stowed through the day 58 Bbls in the after hold. - nothing in sight all day but Terceira Pico and St George. At sunset ship heading to the south under easy sail

Jan. 1st 1854 - Whales - Going S.E.

Leak Boat went on but did not get