

Ship Com. Morris of New Bedford

Sunday Dec 10th

At 9 a.m. came to an anchor in 15 fathoms of water with best bower. with fine pleasant weather and moderate breezes from N.E. - immediately after coming to an anchor the liberty men came on board with the exception of John Shepherd, Fayal and John Macaruso all having deserted. John Shepherd had been arrested and put into the lock up. furled the sails and sent the other watch on liberty.

Monday Dec 11th

All day quite fine weather all hands employed in putting oil on board the Gasper filling up stoves and doing other duty about ship. Cooper sick off duty - hired the cooper from the Bk. Cicero

Tuesday Dec 12th 1871

All day fine weather with light breezes from N.W. at 7 a.m. saw sperm whales in the offing. lowered two boats and sent them out in chase the Cicero's boats already being in hot pursuit - Whales were quite still but were galloped by the Cicero's boats who pulled over the whales while down - chased the whales until 11 a.m. returning on board by 12 m. shipped the remainder of oil intending to ship and got off a raft of water P amount of oil shipped per Bk. Gasper according to gauges were 356 Bbls and 10 Gallons amount of water taken while here was 360 Bbls. - in the P.M. stowing water &c. in the evening a part of the crew went on shore for a run. John Dias and John Macaruso jumped overboard and swam ashore

Saw sperm whales

Bound To The South Atlantic

Wednesday Dec 13th 1871

Came in with strong N.W. gales and squalls of rain all hands making preparations for sea Bk. Cicero having got under weigh and gone out the night before. John Dias and John Macaruso were arrested last night on landing and put into the lock up. In the P.M. hove up the anchor and got under weigh - going off and on - at 3 P.M. John Shepherd John Dias and John Macaruso were taken on board the ship by the police. Fayal, and John Macaruso having deserted and nothing having been heard from them since. At 5 P.M. Capt. and family came on board and stood out to sea. all mid part lying aback off East point

Thursday Dec 14th 1871

All day strong gales from the N.W. inclining to N.E. ship steering S.E. for the Isle of the Grand Canary and cruising at 4 P.M. sent a boat with letters on board the Bk. Gasper at Las Palmas kept ship off to the N.E. through the night

Friday Dec 15th 1871

In the a.m. ship steering N.E. under double reefed topsails weather cloudy with strong trades from N.E. at 12 saw Black fish and two Vulpine Bottoms - lowered four boats and chased without success saw the land coast of Africa

Saturday Dec 16th 1871

All day fresh trades from the N.E. and cloudy weather - ship steering in the a.m. S.W. and in the P.M. S.W. and 9 P.M. kept ship S.W. by N. - all sail on the ship