

Bark Congress New Bedford Humpbacking

Friday August 8th

To Anchor fine weather 3 Boats off for Whales did not see any latter part the same so ends

Saturday August 9th

First part got underway working to the windward two Boats of saw nothing Mrs Cole of the Vigilant is very sick they think she will not live long Mrs Swift went on Board at 4 Pm all hands on Board Steered N. 2 hours & let go Anchor so ends this day

Sunday August 10th

To Anchor fine weather fresh trades 3 Boats off for Whales saw one but another Briggs Boat got there the same time we did so we are got the Whale latter nothing in sight so ends this day

Monday August 11th

To Anchor fine weather Boats off saw nothing latter part the same so ends Mrs Swift with on Board the Vigilant Mrs Cole is very low

Tuesday August 12th

To Anchor fine weather saw 11 Whales no cows & calves the Scott & Vigilant got one also got 3 Boats stove by the calf latter part the same so ends this day

Wednesday August 13th

To Anchor fine weather fresh trades Boats off for Whales no success latter part the same Sold three Barrells of Oil to Laura to Spaniards besides some other trade so ends this day

On the Decamberg Flats in 1862 W J Swift Master

Thursday August 14th

To Anchor fine weather Boats off saw cow & bull could not strike Mrs Swift came on Board to day Mrs Cole is very low latter part the same so ends

Friday August 15th

To Anchor fine weather fresh trades three Boats off for Whales saw nothing latter part the same the Captain trading with Spaniards he gave them a good quantity of Rum before making bargains to ride

Saturday August 16th

To Anchor fine weather light trades three Boats off for Whales saw nothing latter part saw cow & calf struck to the S. Boat at 3 Pm took her along side half past finished cutting the Spars got there share Captain Swift put Mr Mc Helvey of duty for Swering & I think the Captain had wille to put of duty for giving the poor Spaniards Rum to cheat them out of these money but so does with Christians cheat rob & lie but do not take the name of the Lord in vain so ends this day

Sunday August 17th

First part to fine weather fresh trades got underway & worked to the S about 20 miles latter part the same saw no Whales employed hailing so ends this day

Monday August 18th

First part fine weather fresh trades steering to the N for Decamberg flats saw nothing latter part the same at 4 Pm Anchored in the old place Mr Mc Helvey on duty again Mrs Cole of the Vigilant Died at 10 o'clock this evening so ends this day