

Stark Cornelia of Bedford off Comore Islands

Monday August 13th 1849

These 24 hours fresh breezes and cloudy Wind SE
Course tack and tack & tacking in sight most of

P M At one o'clock raised a cry of sperm whales
and got the boats all ready. Just at the time a squall
of rain struck and remained thick until nearly sun
down and we did not see any more of the whales and
I think they were black fish. At 11. Standing the ship
gave. At sunrise raised black fish and lowered the
boats but without success came on board at 12. At 11
Aldebra in sight. The mate and portage kicked up a
bit of a masin the boat whilst black fishing.



Lat. 09° 38' South
Lon East

Tuesday August 14th 49

These 24 hours fresh breezes and clear weather

Wind SE by E Course tack and tack

P M Hung a new grindstone broken out for beyond
fork. Land bears East distant 15 miles. At 11
at work on the whaling apparatuses.

Aldebra to the mother of us yet

Wednesday August 15th 49

Fresh gales and clear weather Wind SE

P M lowered for humpbacks but without
success. Also ground the new grindstone smooth.
At 11 got the oldest boat from over board to
go a shore after weeds. At twelve o'clock
the land bears due south distant 2 miles.
The land is the Island of Aldebra.

Stark Cornelia of Bedford off Aldebra

Thursday August 16th 1849

Fresh gales and clear weather Wind SE

P M At one o'clock lowered the boat and
went on shore on the SE side of the island
of Aldebra and brought off two boat loads
of weed. At half past 3 O'clock raised
humpback and presently lowered but
without success. At midday the weed
At 11 went on shore and brought off
three boat loads of weed. Saw black
fish. The boats crew saw a number of
turtle near the shore. At 12 o'clock stood
off from the Island of Aldebra to west
the south west.

Friday August 17th 49

These 24 hours light breezes and showers

Wind South Course W S W

P M Finished cutting up the weed and
stowed it in the hold. At 11 set up the fore
topmast and topdistant back stays
and hoisted some oil casks on deck.

Lat 9° 34' South

Saturday August 18th 49

These 24 hours smooth breezes and showers

Wind from S to SE clear to the South
P M Cut of the fore topmast backstays and
aped them and seized them and put new
up seizings on the fore shrouds.

Saw grampuses also a great many very large
albacore in pursuit of flying squid.

At 11 broke out for water. Lat 10° 14' South
Lon