

Friday Decem 20th Fresh breezes from ESE

ESE and fine weather, Steering SSW by W & SSW by W
Carrying all Sail At 11 AM Sat & Steading Sails
Saw a Lumper, Saw 3 or 4 Sails Steering to the South
ward, Employed in Braking out the Main Hatch for
water, hauled on Boat Masts, Tooke the Work of the
Boat Masts and Ties, and Stowed them Back, Tooke
the Cast Iron pipe out of the Deck and put the same in
the Deck forward of the Stairlight, for the Cabin stove, Set
a Plank in the Deck where the pipe came from, Tooke
the new work that Carpenter has been doing, I have been
down well the last 24 hours

Lat by obs 10-07 Long by Ch 34, 13

Saturday Decem 21st

Moderate wind from ESE and
fine warm weather, Steering SSW by W Carrying all
Sail, Employed in setting up the Head Stays, Carpenter
getting out stuff for to bring the round beam & Gales a half
forward, Saw 2 Ships Standing to the N and an
English barque & a French barque, Steering about SSW by W
The French barque Sails fast, we changed Signals with
her, I was very much tired in my Watch last night
but feel better now, Stewards Rheumatism is getting
better, he is taking to salt

Lat about 12, 10

Sunday Decem 22^d

Light airs from SE by E and
fine weather, Steering SSW by W & SSW by W, Carrying all
Sail, Saw a Albacore around the ship, Saw 4 Ships
Steering as we and one Steering to the N, Hauled the fore
topmast Studding sail boom in two, I am sick

Lat by obs 14, 43

Long by Ch 35, 45 W

Monday Decem 23^d Light wind from the NE the first of

the night, latter part. Middle part of the night tooke
the wind from South and Squally, latter part of the night
tooke the wind from NE, in the morning Saw
a gam of Sperm Whales, Chast the whales till noon
got a 20 bl whale, Wind Deed and Came out Fast
from N Tooke our whale along side & Kept off
for the gam of whales, Whales doing SSW by W, Boats
Came to the ship, then we shifted to and Cut the
whale in, Finished cutting at 6 PM and Steered off on our
Course SSW by W, Saw a Schooner in the morning
luff for the whales, I think she started the whales,
Saw 2 other Sails Steering to the SSW

Lat by obs 15, 43

Tuesday Decem 24th

Strong wind from N and good weather,
Steering SSW by W Carrying all Sail, Saw 1 Ship and one
Steam Ship Steering to the SE, At night wind moder-
ated and looked thick in the South, All hands clearing
away the whale head & Boiling, Saw a Lumper & luffed
too to see what it was

Lat by obs 15, 18 Long by Ch 37, 33

Wednesday Decem 25th

Last night wind fell off from the
North and Came out from the SSW with plenty of rain
Took in the Doyle & Galland Sails, Through the Day
fresh breeze from SSW, Carrying all Sail, Heading
SE, Saw our old English friend, the three masted
Brig & another Brig, Drizly through the Day
Finished Boiling out the whale & washed off the deck
with salt water

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