

Ship Courier Whilst Cruising About the Curtis Isle.

Tuesday March 5th 1839

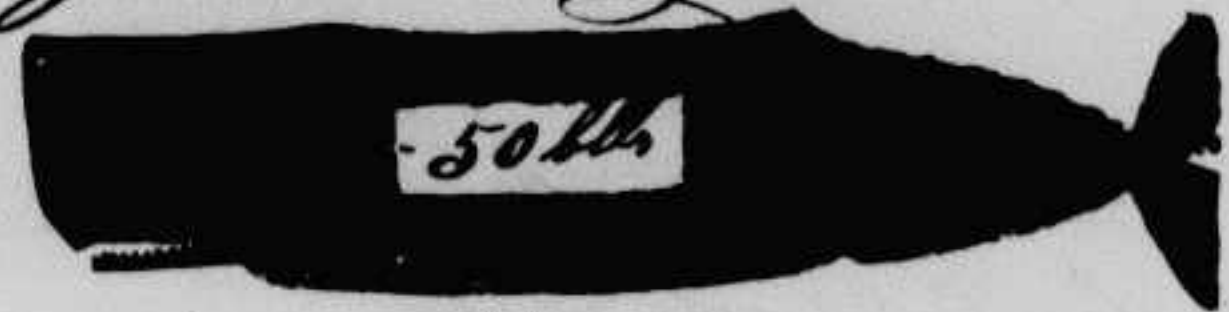
First part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the Eastward with smoky weather standing to the North with double reef Top Sails Courses jib & Spanker set. at 6 P.M. took in the jib & Spanker wore Ship to the S.E. middle part strong breeze with fair weather at day light turned the reef out of the Top Sails at 6 A.M. wore Ship with the Main Sail at 7 with the Main S.E. latter part fresh breeze with smoky weather heading up N.E. one Ship in sight so ends these 24 hours Lat by Obs. 28-44 South.

Wednesday March 6th 1839 Commences

with fresh breezes from the Eastward with fair weather steering by the wind with the Starboard tack aboard at half past 6 shortened Sail middle part moderate breeze at day light turned the reef out at 6 half past 10 P.M. set the Top Gallant Sails latter part moderate breeze with fair weather so ends Lat by Obs. 29-55 Long by Obs. 117-50

Thursday March 7th 1839 Commences

with fresh breezes from the Eastward with fair weather steering S.W. at 3 P.M. saw 1 whale half past 3 towed the boat struck one whale about half past 4 turned him up at 6 took him along side took in all Sails but a blood reef Main Top Sails and Stag Sails got all ready to cut middle part strong breezes with a heavy sea running at 6 A.M. wore Ship and hooked on to the whale the hook tore out two or 3 times at 8 wore back again at 9 commenced again latter part fresh gales with a heavy sea at 12 got through cutting the body so ends Sunday Isle in sight. Lat by Obs. 29-43 South.

Friday March 8th 1839

Commences with fresh gales from the S.E. with fair weather at half past 3 finished cutting and down the sails with the Fore Sails at 5 P.M. commenced boiling middle part much as the first latter part more moderate at 8 A.M. set the Fore Main Top Sails close reefed wind from the S.E. heading up N.E. employed boiling so ends Lat by Obs. 29-10 Long by Obs. 117-50 West.

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Saturday March 9th 1839

Commences with fresh gales from the S.E. with cloudy weather standing to the Eastward with double reef Top Sails set middle part more moderate at 6 A.M. wore Ship at 7 turned the reef out of the Top Sails with the jib Spanker & Main S.E. Sails latter part moderate breezes with cloudy weather employed boiling Sunday Isle and 2 Ships in sight so ends No Observation.

Sunday March 10th 1839

Commences with moderate breezes from the S.E. with fair weather steering by the wind to the S.W. at 5 P.M. finished boiling at 6 shortened Sails & wore Ship middle part very moderate breeze latter part calm one Ship in sight so ends

Monday March 11th 1839

Commences with moderate breezes from the Westward with pleasant weather at 6 P.M. spoke the Ship Benjamin Rush of Warren 17 months out with 1320 bls had left a boat & Boat crew on the 6th of this month her first officer was among the number supposed he had got fast to a whale and got stove and all perished at 7 we shortened Sails middle part light airs and calms at 8 A.M. turned one reef out of the Main Top Sails with the Main S.E. Sails with a breeze from the Westward at 11 A.M. the weather shot in thick wind haled to the S.W. took in the M.S.E. S. so ends with thick weather employed stowing down our last whale. The Ben^g Rush reports the Champion of Edgartown with 300 bls. and 2 large whales along side on the 9th of this month.

