

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising Near

Remarks Tuesday January 15th

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.W. and weather - Ship lying to under easy sail, having parted fluke chain from the whale we took from Petrel this morning at about 3 A.M. at Daylight saw a slick on the water to the windward and found the whale must be in it. made sail and went up and soon after discovered the whale, at 8^{1/2} took the whale alongside and found him badly eaten the sharks. hooked on and cut him in, or what the sharks had left. by 12 - In the P.M. cleared head and cut up the blubber - Three sails in sight Petrel, A. Blake, and merchant Brig steering to E. Blowing strong in the P.M.

Lat. 27.44 N Long. 78.58 W

Wednesday January 16th

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. and weather - Ship by the wind to the S.W. cruising with all sail out excepting mainsail and maintopmast stay and bailing - Schooner Petrel in sight to the leeward sailing also - saw through the day porpoises and several schools of shipjack & roots of Gulf weed. Rather tedious in the A.M. Nothing more in sight - at 4 P.M. finished boiling the whale turning up on 4 casks 956 gallons 30 Bbls 11 gallons One half of which belonging to schooner Petrel 478 gallons we delivered to him the captain at 4 P.M. he bringing own casks for the oil - at sunset shortened sail the night Nothing more in sight

Lat. 27.51 N Long. 79.04

Thursday January 17th

Comes in with light breezes from N.E. and cloudy weather after making sail in the morning - lying on different tack under easy sail through the night - stood to S.E. schooner A. Blake & Petrel in sight and both standing to the N.W. - saw through the day a great deal of cut squid & Gulf jack - saw some tide rips, one or two schools of porpoises & shipjack - Good seeing all day - water very smooth - In the P.M. Petrel on the same tack as ourselves. A. Blake not in sight - at sunset shortened sail and wore to the N.W.

Lat. 27.53 N Long. 78.50 W

Martensella Reef G. B. Borden Master

Friday January 18th

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.N.E. and fine weather - Ship lying to with foreyard aback since 12 at night - have been standing off shore to the N. under easy sail - at daylight saw the reef about 6 miles to the leeward - then we wore ship and made all sail heading to the W. - at 8 A.M. spoke the schooner Petrel - Capt. Perry came on board and remained all day going on board his vessel at 7 1/2 at night. Mr. P. went on board the Petrel for the day - all day cruising on different tacks saw nothing indicating whales. - Schooner A. Blake to the windward cruising in shore.

Lat. 27.58 N Long. 78.54 W

Saturday January 19th

Comes in with strong gales from E.S.E. and squally weather with some rain - Ship by the wind to the S. after making all sail - Schooner Petrel in sight standing to the S. also at 11 1/2 wore ship to the N.E. being in green water and as we supposed on the Bark - All the P.M. standing to the E. & N.E. in Co with schooner Petrel - At sunset blowing strong with squalls of rain - saw through the day 4 schools of Grampuses & one do of porpoises - Nothing more in sight - Water in the P.M. blue

Lat. 27.29 N Long. 78.53 W

Sunday January 20th

Comes in with strong gales from S.E. and squally weather at 7 A.M. kept ship off to N.W. under easy sail - having been lying to all night heading to the E. & N.E. schooner Petrel in sight and running off to N.W. also at 12 M kept ship to N. then to N.E. seeing schooner did not make sail - saw through the day some Gulf weed, tide rips, and albacore

Lat. 28.20 N Long. 79.11 W

Monday January 21st

Comes in with strong gales from N. and squally weather with rain - Ship by the wind to the E.N.E. under easy sail - cruising - 2 sails in sight in the A.M. and then in the P.M. - water blue all day with some Gulf weed - saw one Dolphin and several birds at night were S. wind N.

Lat. 28.40 Long. 78.34 W