

Bark Daniel Webster Bound to

Remarks On Board Sunday Nov. 10th 1878
Comes in with moderate breezes from S.E. and fine pleasant weather. At daylight saw a sperm whale close to the ship had probably been galled by the ship before light as he was going quick to the leeward. Took him for an Fort St. whale. Called all hands and got the boats ready, but not lower in the A.M. as the whale showed no sign. He would remain down but ten or fifteen minutes and then up long enough to spout ten or twelve times. After dinner sent two boats & started down and at 1¹/₂ P.M. sent the other two down and soon after Mr. Pope had the chance to go and made the attempt but when close up to the whale he saw the boat and threw himself from her just as the boatsteerer was in the act of darting so that the crows did not reach the whale. After this chased until near sundown then wind falling off gave up the chase. The whale all day was going S.W. by W. per compass and averaged about five knots an hour. In the P.M. saw what we supposed to be whales in to the W. and going about the same direction as the whale we have been chasing all day. In the A.M. water thick and green in the P.M. Blue. Hope we shall see whales tomorrow.

Lat. 19° 09' N. Long. 21° 48' W.

Monday Nov. 11th 1878

Comes in with light winds from the S.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering S.W. per compass with all sail out. Nothing in sight all day but small white water seen once one point on Port bow. Watch employed in working on the House and doing other necessary work about ship.

Lat 18° 08' N. Long. 22° 55' W.

Tuesday Nov. 12th 1878

Comes in with light baffling winds from the N.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering S.W. with all sail out. At daylight saw the Isles of Sal. bearing S.W. by compass Dist 23 miles. Saw Black fish in the P.M. Lat. 17° 08' Long. 22° 11' W.

South Atlantic Ocean in the year 1878

Remarks On Board Wednesday Nov. 13th 1878

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering S.E. W. by compass with all sail out for the Isle of St. Jago. The Isles of Sal. and Benavista in sight. - Sal. on the Port quarter and Benavista on Port bow. In the P.M. passed Leticia's Rock on Port beam and saw the Isles of St. Jago and Mayo. Nothing more in sight all day. Watch employed in building the new House and doing other work about ship.

Lat 16° 10' N. Long. 23° 17' W.

Thursday Nov. 14th 1878

Comes in with light baffling winds from the N.W. and fine weather. Ship steering for Port Brava Isle of St. Jago. That Isle in sight on Starboard beam and the Isle of Mayo on the Port beam. At 3 P.M. came to in the Harbor and went on shore in my boat but was not allowed to land until the Health officer had visited the ship, which he did at 4 P.M. the boat returning on board again. After the Health officer went on shore, I went in and engaged Oranges, Fowls &c. to be taken on board tomorrow. Brought on board from the shore 200 Oranges and 2 Doz. Eggs. Ship flying off and on for the night.

Friday Nov. 15th 1878

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.E. and fine weather. Ship lying off and on at Port Brava obtaining recruits. Took on board 7000 Oranges - 1 Doz. Fowls 14 Eggs and some other small stores for which I traded 6 lb. of Flour 12 lb. of Bread and 6 pieces of Rints. Made arrangements for a cook but as he could not get ready to go on board today concluded to remain over until tomorrow.

Saturday Nov. 16th 1878

All day moderate breezes from the S.W. and fine weather. This day took on board a few recruits shipped and took on board Pedro Vira as cook and Francisco Mederica as ordinary seaman. All on board by 3 P.M. and made sail for Brava.