

Remarks on Board B.S. Desdemona

August 26th

Pleasant weather with a good breeze from the S.W. heading S.E. under all sail etc and the part wind and weather the same

August 27th

Lat 3.26 S
Long 4.03 E

Pleasant weather with moderate breeze from S.W. heading S.E. under all sail etc and the part the same

August 28th

Lat 4.18 S
Long 4.03 E

Pleasant with fresh breeze from the S.W. at 3 P.M. raised a large school of small S. Whales going to the westward at 4.30 P.M. lowered our boats and being very ship returned again with no success etc and the part weather the same at daylight saw whales again lowered our boats at 8 o'clock at 9 o'clock with speech at 10 o'clock B.B. struck a large whale so ends this twenty four hours



Lat 4.27 S
Long 3.50 E

F. W. Vincent - Master 1877

August 29th

Pleasant weather with fresh breeze from the S.W. boats down fast to a large whale acting bad one whale along side at sunset the fast whale going to the westward the boat fast hooked on the whale long sight and set him in finished at 11 P.M. and made sail at daylight saw the boat got the whale to the ship and hooked on to set for the blubber hook and head strap

August 30th

Overcast and quite rough setting got the head of and body in at 11 P.M. etc and the part good weather 7 o'clock hooked on the head and took it in and getting ready to bail so ends

August 31st

Lat 4.28 S
Long 3.42 E

Pleasant weather with moderate breeze from S.W. heading S.E. employed in bailing and setting blubber etc and the part the same