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Remarks on Board Bark Gay Head W.S. Ashley charter

Wednesday Dec 24th

Comes in with light S.E. trade winds and fine weather. Crew employed at mending sails and ship duties generally

Lat 1-35 N

Long 108-51 W

Christmas Day

Comes in with fine weather and gentle breeze from S.E. At 2-30 P.M. lowered two Boats for a school of Black fish but did not get near enough to them to strike

Lat 00-53 N

Dec 26th Fri

Comes in with fine weather and moderate trade. Took Boat off of the House to repair

Lat 00-05 S

Long 110-54 W

Dec 27th Sat

Comes in with moderate trade and cruising in hopes to soon see some sperm whale. Crew employed at ship duties and Pump and side lights attended to

Lat 00-59 S

Long 111-30 W

Note

Sunday Dec 28th

Comes in with strong S.E. trade and ship on port tack. At 11-30 A.M. raised six large sperm whales. At 12-00 lowered and at 4-30 struck one to Bow Boat Mr. Joseph and at 7-30 P.M. had whale alongside of ship

Lat 1-51 S

Long 112-22 W

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Remarks on Board Bark Gay Head Wallace S. Ashley charter

Monday Dec 29th

Comes in with a heavy sea and blowing a moderate gale from S.E. After getting everything ready for cutting whale we started at 9. A.M. to take the head we parted the jaw chain then wore around on port tack but soon found out we could not cut the Head so asked the officers what they thought and they said we had better save the Body so gave up taking Head and at 12 o'clock had body down below. And started boiling under lower topsails

Lat 1-53 S

Long 112-44 W

Tuesday Dec 30th

Comes in with strong S.E. trade and ship crew employed at boiling. Ship on port tack heading to the south

Lat 2-32 S

Long 113-19 W

Note

Wednesday Dec 31st

Comes in with fresh S.E. trade. Finished boiling 10. A.M. The crew knocked off refused to turn to duty they complained about their food. Saw the Steward and promised them more of a variety and they turned to duty. I suppose it was caused by a sea sickness