

142 Bank Draco of New Bedford

Thursday May 9th 1844

Begin with gentle breezes from the SW and clear steering & all sail Mid and latter parts fresh breezes Lat 31 11 S Long 103 30 E

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Friday May 10th 1844

Begin with fresh breezes from the SW and clear steering & N. Sun - nothing but I hope soon to see whales but the Lord knows where it is best for us Mid and latter parts much the same Lat 30 28 S Long by Chron 105 00 by Dist 105 19 E

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Saturday May 11th 1844

Begin with gentle breezes from the SE and cloudy heading & N. at night shortened sail to look for Whales God grant that we may be successful this cruise Mid and latter parts light breezes and baffling No Lat Long by Chron 107 12 E

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Sunday May 12th 1844

Begin with light airs from E to SE heading to the N. at night shortened sail saw nothing & dear O dear when shall we get some oil home sick and sea sick Mid and latter part light from SE heading to the SE Lat by Chron 108 50 S Long 109 12 E

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Monday May 13th 1844

Begin with light airs from the N. E and cloudy heading SE no whales No Whales No Whales Mid part the same at 9 am saw a school of sperm whales to the windward so we are working upon them Lat 28 57 S

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Tuesday May 14th 1844

Begin with gentle breezes from the N. E at 1 PM down broke and fastened to one whale when the boatmen misgave another at 3 PM the boat cut the line on account of a squall and came on board & lowered again but without effect took in sail for the night set 3 watches Mid part squally the wind all around the compass latter pleasant sun - fine backs in abundance Lat 28 36 S Long 109 50 E

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Com a Whale voyage

Wednesday May 15th 1844

Begin with light air & all calm & clear saw fin backs no whales Mid and latter part gentle breezes from the SE and clear steering N. E saw nothing Lat 27 51 S Long 108 15 E

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Thursday May 16th 1844

Begin with fresh breezes from the SE steering N. E Mid and latter part the same Lat 26 15 S Long 108 55 E

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Friday May 17th 1844

Begin with fresh breezes from the SE and clear heading N. E no whales No Whales Mid and latter part light air and calm Lat 25 40 S Long 108 15 E

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Saturday May 18th 1844

Begin with light breezes from the SE and cloudy steering N. E caught a sun fish no whales Mid and latter part much the same Lat 25 01 S Long 109 07 E

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Sunday May 19th 1844

Begin with light air from the SE and clear steering N. E all sail a night shortened sail 5 months out so little of oil dull times a plenty of fin back come Whales I remember us in mercy grant the success may attend us Mid and latter the same caught 2 men fighting Manuel Forster & the Cook seized them up but did not flog them they promised better Lat 21 10 S Long 109 20 E

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Monday May 20th 1844

Begin with light breezes from the SE and clear steering N. E all sail Mid and latter part the same Lat 23 39 S Long 109 19 E

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Tuesday May 21st 1844

Begin with gentle breezes from the E and clear heading N. E sun - fin back Grampuses & 2 boat the old fore top sail & fore sail for cruising no whales this day Mid and latter part the same Lat 24 57 S Long 109 44 E

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Wednesday May 22nd 1844

Begin with gentle breezes from the E and fine weather heading N. E bent the old main top sail at day light made sail steered SW at 9 am saw a large body of sperm whales going to the SE quick at 11 lowered but could not get near them No Lat Long 109 50