

Bark Traco of New- Bedford

Saturday June 17th 1848

Begins with gentle breezes at 3¹² PM
saw sperm whales down boats and got
near one of sun set but the Boat steers
Antonio would not dart his guns
at him before day light saw a whale
near the ship he went aft to the
windward latter saw an abundance
of fin backs & God grant us some
whales spoke the ship Stephania
9 months 140 bls sp oil

Got 2400 \$ Long 109 50 ?

Thursday June 22nd 1848

Begins with strong breezes at 5 PM
spoke the ship John & Edward 13 months
180 sp latter saw 5 sail all looking
for whales light breezes and fine weather
we must soon leave for the North
God grant us some more oil 10 months out
with 350 bls of oil Got 2317 \$ Long 109 30 ?

Sunday June 25th 1848

All these 24 hours fresh trades heading
to the E & N E bound to the N to
look for Whales Got 21 51 \$ Long 112 00 ?

Tuesday June 27th 1848

Begins calm latter gentle breezes from
the WSW steering N E an abundance
of fin backs Whales Come Whales Come
I am home sick there is but little prospect
of getting them soon patience patience
Got 20 36 \$ Long 113 00 ?

off New-Holland

Thursday July 6th 1848

Begins with light winds and has
been the 2nd week cruising for
whales the ship John & Edward
in sight no whales to be seen
O dear O dear Home sick God grant
us some oil employed in Towing
riggers and repairing rotten
casks Got 18 22 \$ Long 115 30 ?

Saturday July 8th 1848

All these 24 hours fine weather saw
the John & Edward chasing whales
at noon saw her take one small one
at 3 PM we got near enough to
lower but got none Got 18 24 Long 116

Wednesday July 11th 1848

All these 24 hours fresh trades no
whales to be seen O God grant us
some oil Got 18 15 \$ Long 116 ?

Sunday July 18th 1848

All these 24 hours light winds and
clear heading to the N for Bally
spoke the ship John & Edward 13 1/2
months 140 bls of oil we must now
go for a port we have not done any
well this season but hope for
better O dear O dear when shall we
get home Got 17 46 \$ Long 116 13 ?