

Bark Draco of New Bedford

Sunday March 31st 1850

The last week has been fine weather - and nothing to be seen & don't grant us some oil may we go home this year. I am home sick and sick of the sea

Lat 28 03 S Long 105 50 E

Sunday April 14th 1850

The last 2 weeks has been fine weather and no whales spoke the ship Hibernia Baker of Bedford 6 months 150 sp it seems as if we were never to get any more oil it is now near eight months getting one whale. But we must have patience

Lat 26 17 S Long 109 20 E

Monday April 17th 1850

First part heavy cloudy weather - mid sharp lightning and heavy thunder - latter clear - saw 1 fair back no whales 150 whales

Lat 25 35 S Long 110 10 E

nothing to be seen and no prospect of home I am home sick but home is far away & don't grant us a safe return

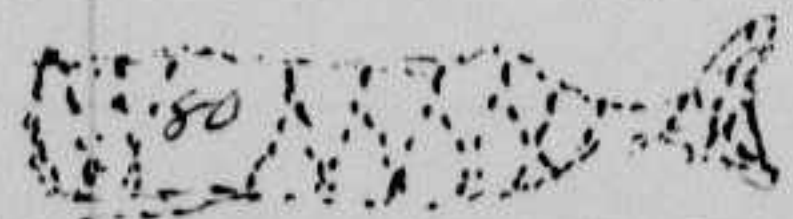
Saturday April 20th 1850

All there 24 hours the wind all around the compass heavy thunder and lightning and rain some hard squalls I hope it start up some whales No Oil

Sunday April 21st 1850

First part the weather - cleared at 8 am saw 1 whale going N^e down Beak struck one large whale and took him to the ship

Lat 25 02 S Long 108 50



Off New Holland

Monday April 22nd 1850

All this day fine weather cut in the whale and began to hoil

Lat 21 48 Long 109 00

Thursday April 25th 1850

All this day fresh trades and clear - mid part finished boiling saw nothing

Lat 21 27 S Long 109 10 E

Saturday April 27th 1850

All this day light & rather windy employed in stowing down all ready for - more

Lat 21 27 S Long 109 00 E

Sunday April 28th 1850

All this day rainy wind from the south come whales Come Home Home Home Sick

Friday May 3rd 1850

All this day fresh trades spoke the ship John & Edward 35 months out 500 sp 170 bl saw the Florida 18 months 900 sp 350 u - saw the Hibernia Lat 24 10 Long 108 00

Tuesday May 7th 1850

All this day strong trades and clear - saw nothing where are the whales

Lat 21 22 S Long by Dist 106 25 by Chron 106 37 E

Saturday May 11th 1850

The last four days strong trades no whales saw 1 ship where are the whales Come Come Lat 22 59 S Long 108 00 E