

Bark Draco of New Bedford

Sunday May 19th 1850

The last week strong traders most of the time spoke the ship Ansel Gibbs. North of Fairhaven 54 months 70 sp & the young Phoenix 124 months 250 sp Lat 24 59 S Long 107 30 E

Friday May 21st 1850

The last five days fine weather and no whales. God grant us some aid. Home is far away we have seen whales but once the last four months Lat 23 52 S Long 109 50

Saturday June 1st 1850

This day began with a hard gale from the W and a heavy sea mid the same latter began to moderate but still blowing strong Lat 23 43 S Long 109 00 E

Sunday June 4th 1850

all this day fine weather saw an English bark steering W saw some sperm Lat 23 24 S Long 108 08 E
Lat 23 18 S Long 108 00 E

Thursday June 6th 1850

first part saw whales down boats struck and took one to the ship began to cut mid strong gale from west and spally latter more moderate but a heavy swell cut in the whale Lat 23 18 Long 107 50 E

Sunday June 9th 1850

The last 4 days strong gales backed out the whale odor what weather Lat 23 00 Long 107 10

off New Holland yet

Friday June 14th 1850

all this day good weather at 4 P.M. saw whales down boats between sun set and dark struck a whale got a boat stove had got no whale Lat 23 35 S Long 107 20 E

Wednesday June 19th 1850

first part calm saw whales down boats and got two small whales at 11 P.M. took them to the ship latter light breezes cut them in Lat 24 04 Long 107 07 E

Thursday June 20th 1850

Began with light wind, saw whales down and got a large whale at 8 P.M. took him to the ship and began to boil latter cut in the other Lat 24 00 Long 107 00 E

Sunday 23rd of June 1850

The last week has been fine weather finished boiling Lat 24 02 Long 107 07

Sunday June 30th 1850

The last four days a half of a gale of wind nothing to be seen we must soon go & know where to look for better weather we want one large whale to fill the lower hold God grant that we may soon get it I am home sick Lat 23 45 Long 107 45 E

Tuesday July 2nd 1850

all this strong traders and no whales God remember us in mercy grant us some more aid may we go home this year in safety Lat 23 16 S Long 108 10 E