

Bark Decca of New Bedford.

Saturday August the 27th 1853.
 Begins with light breezes from the N.E. heading E. S.E.
 Middle part the same latter part fresh breezes & cloudy.
 No Obs. Lett. by land 27. 30. E.
 Long. by sea 101. 45. E.

Sunday August the 28th 1853.
 Begins with fresh breezes from N.E. & cloudy heading E.
 Middle part moderate latter part strong breezes from the N.
 took in top gold sail by jib light top sail. Main sail &
 double reefed the top sail steering E. Lett. by sea 27. 51. E.
 Long. by land 104. 00. E.
 Changed. Main top gold sail.

Monday August the 29th 1853.
 Begins with strong breezes from the N. & cloudy with
 light rain steering E. close reefed the top sails &
 set the spruce, took in the jib & spanker, at 4. Wind
 N. & raining. Middle & latter part fresh breezes from N.E. & clear.
 Made sail. Changed. Main top gold sail.
 Lett. by sea 27. 25. E.
 Long. by sea 105. 45. E.

Let. three watches

Tuesday August the 30th 1853.
 Begins with strong breezes from N.E. steering E.
 Middle part the same latter part fresh breezes from the N.E.
 Lett. 27. 00. E.
 Long. by sea 108. 00. E.

Repaired the fore sail

Wednesday August the 31st 1853.
 Begin with fresh breezes from the E. steering E. the watch
 employed in repairing the fore sail. Middle & latter part
 moderate at 12. saw one large sperm whale going to the
 windward, so ends.

4. 15. 51.

Lett. 26. 26. 10.
 Long. 108. 40. E.

Cruising off New Holland. September. 1853.

Thursday September the 1st 1853.
 Begins with moderate breezes from S.E. heading E. cloudy
 weather at high part. 12. lowered the boat for the above
 mentioned whale, at 2. struck the whale, at 5. took the whale
 to the ship & took in sail heading E. lost the fore sail. Middle part
 lay by latter part light breezes from the S. all hands employed in
 butting, so ends.
 Lett. 26. 02. E.
 Long. 108. 41. E.

Friday Sept. the 2nd 1853.
 Begins with light air from the E. at 6. P.M. finished
 butting at 9. began to hoist the head. heading to the
 eastward. Middle part variable latter part strong breezes from
 the N. course variable.
 Lett. 26. 00. E.
 Long. 108. 50. E.

Saturday Sept. the 3rd 1853.
 Begins with strong breezes from the N. steering S.E. by E.
 at 5. finished the head & began to hoist the body. Middle
 part equally variable & raining. at 11. put out the fire at
 12. began to hoist again latter part light breezes from the
 N. & clear. Made sail heading to the N.E. so ends.
 Lett. 26. 00. E.
 Long. 109. 40. E.

Sunday Sept. the 4th 1853.
 Begins with light breezes from the N.E. & equally
 heading N.W. boiling. Middle the same latter part strong
 gale from N.E. heading S.W. finished boiling cloudy.
 so ended.
 No Obs. Lett. by land 26. 50. E.
 Long. by sea 109. 20. E.