

Barth Draco of New Bedford

Friday Dec 16th 1853

37. Commenced Moderate breeze from the Eastward steering W. by N. & N. Middle and latter part Moderate breezy & pleasant weather wind from N.E. steering W. by N. & N. at 11 AM. Saw sperm Whales lowered the boats and succeeded in capturing one at Meridian took him to the ship and made preparations for cutting in

Latt by Obs. 25. 18. S.
Variation 15° W. Long by Obs. 53. 50 E.

Saturday Dec 17th/53

38. Continuing Moderate breeze from the Eastward and fine weather Employed in cutting. Saw more Whales but it being near night did not lower for them. at 7 o'clock made sail and steered W. N. W. fresh breeze throughout the rest of the day from the Eastward. Employed in boiling &c. steering W. N. W. Ends cloudy.

Latt by Obs. 25. 67 S.
Variation 18° W. Long by Obs. 52. 25 E.

Sunday Dec 18th/53

39. Begins with moderate breeze from the Eastward and Cloudy. steering W. N. W. Employed in boiling fresh breeze through the night steering W. N. W. Latter part Moderate breezy. finished boiling. Saw Blackfish

Latt by Obs. 26. 57 S.
Long by Obs. 49. 59 E.

Monday Dec 19th/53

40. Begins Moderate breezy and cloudy weather from N.E. steering W. N. W. with all sail set. Middle part the same. Latter part heavy showers of rain at 10 saw the land off Port Dauphin Island of Madagascar. bearing by compass N. N. W. Dist 30 miles took in the studding sails. No Obs. Lat. 25. 00 S.
Long by Obs. 47. 30 E.

Towards the Cape off Good Hope. Dec. 15th, Variation 20° W.

Tuesday Dec. the 20th/53

41. Begins with variable winds from E. to N.E. & sailing steering to the S.W. studding sails in. Several Madagascar. You are a wet dog. Middle & latter part strong breeze from the S. steering S.W. by W. & N.W. Latter part all hands. Employed in stowing down ab. &c. &c.

Latt by Obs. 26. 46. S.
Long by Obs. 45. 30 E.

Wednesday Dec. the 21st/53

42. Begins with strong breeze from the S. steering N. N.W. at 4. finished stowing ab. Middle part more Moderate. Made sail. latter part light breeze from the S. took in the lower boat, & bent a new jib. for back's plenty.

Latt by Obs. 28. 25. S.
Long by Obs. 42. 50 E.

Thursday Dec. the 22nd/53

43. Begins with light breeze from S.W. heading N. by the wind. Middle part strong gales from the S. took in the top gallant sails jib main sail & double reefed the top sails. latter part set the jib so ends.

Latt by Obs. 29. 00 S.
Variation 25° W. Long by Obs. 40. 00 E.

Friday Dec. the 23rd/53

44. Begins with strong gales from the S. steering N. by E. ends double reefed top sails jib & courses & spencers. Middle part more Moderate, made sail. latter part light breeze from the S. set studding sails to lee & abt. held reefed one sail in sight steering to the Westward.

Latt by Obs. 30. 20. S.
Long by Obs. 37. 48. E.

Variation 20° W.