

Sch. E. Nickerson off Bonavista

Remarks On Board Sunday April 23rd 1854

Commenced with Moderate trades. At 4 P.M. came to anchor on the S.W. side of Bonavista at 5 lowered the S & L Boats for whales, the S Boat struck at 6 took him along sides and made sail to tow him in, at 11 P.M. came too in 8 fathoms of water. I trust that this will be a day of rest for one in a week in months much. Latter part fine weather the whale alongside. I thank God for this day of rest and that he has ordained it by his wisdom that we should have one day in a week to rest. So ends as usual with Prayer.

Remarks On Board Monday April 24th 1854

Commenced with light trades. The vessel at anchor with a whale along side at 5³⁰ A.M. commenced cutting the whale at 7¹² finished at 8³⁰ got under way. At 9¹² hove to for 10 Backs, at 10 P.M. returned to the vessel. So Ends

Sch. E. Nickerson off Bonavista

Remarks On Board Tuesday April 25th 1854

Commenced with Moderate trades at 1¹⁰ P.M. lowered for whales, at 3 returned to the vessel. After I returned to the vessel. Mr. Needham appeared to be quite offended with me, because I passed him in the Boat. I meant no harm. Neither did I think to get to the whale by it the sooner. It grieves me much to think that I cannot live in peace with my first Officer, and only to that I have thought as much of as I have of him, and been so familiar with. But of late he gets offended with me at the least trifle. O may God give wisdom to do right, and grace to live right, at 6 P.M. came to anchor. At 5¹² A.M. got under way. At 8 A.M. lowered the S and L Boats at 12 P.M. the S Boat returned to the vessel. The whale very shy. The L Boat still chasing. I trust I shall not have to spend another such day as this has been to me. The best will disagree sometimes. So Ends