Remarks on board Bark Albion

Monday December 13th/69

Rent a Main topsail at 4 PM

Commenced moderate gales the latter part much like the fore part

Tuesday December 14th/69

Commenced fresh from the E.N.E. Pyramid bearing to the N.E.b.N. Latter part fresh

103 Weeks going this voyage I expect to be in the course of nine months more, that is, reckoning on my being home by the 13th of Dec. 1869 and now I should be on my passage home. It is my post mortem and I have the cook to pay the on the 13th and now I have not speaked the Capt. I have not been in working around a whale, not work a carpet. I get a spike I use in hopes of getting he will show me a channel to kill the egg I am my whole gam but at the same time attribute a reproach to the whole the same as I was. I was actually ashamed to have it said I come two miles or more I open fire, when the whole did not fight an at all, once kept on the shoal, around and I could not get where I wanted to be, he followed me around. I fear as if he came up he came up I fired in a minute gone he got there. Now I do not go in a man a whaleman that goes on a whale I hate to kill him, so he is like to get killed over or stay where I cannot kill a whale on his head. I tell I laughs at the I could not kill one any more etc.

Friday December 17th/69

Fine day all day from about N.N.E. on different tacks. Shortened for a little sail to night working to the N.E.b.N.

Saturday December 18th/69

A pleasant fresh breze all day from the N.N.E. all sail set bedding to the N.E.b.N. fore part. About 9.30 A.M. Capt Thomas raised a Sperm Whale going with the windward. carried sail do not lose sight of them before P.M. about 8 A.M. raised the Pyramid bearing about N.W.b.N. Lat 44 48 & Long 176.20 W

Sunday December 19th

Moderate breze all day from the N.E.b.E. Middle part working up to the S.E.b.W. about 3.45 P.M. raised a Bark. I spoke I gained her Minnesota about 18 months out with 700 sperm during the latter part working back to the N.E.b.E

Mondy December 20th

Light breze from the N.E.b.E. all sail set working to the windward. one sail in sight

Tuesday December 21st

moderate from the N. heading to the N. one sail in sight at 4 PM raised the land bearing N.W.b.W.

was caught a bear skin

Wednesday December 22

Fresh breze all day from the E.b.N. one sail in sight Middle part steering to the N.N.E. at 5.30 PM lowered two boats and went in pursuit of Stargnad reef & caught three large seals (Bulls) & eight pups. (Fur Seals

Thursday December 23rd

Moderate all day. one sail in sight Fresh breze from the E.b.N.

Friday Dec 24

[illegible] all day gained sight the Minnesota Minnesota hoisted [illegible] Clear [illegible] & reached new shore [illegible] for me & she proved to me how was capacity as great [illegible] & went to see her.