

Remarks on board Bark Albion

Wednesday February 2nd 1870

Commenced with a fresh gale from the S. & continued fresh all day. no mackerel to day and as there was nothing doing on deck to day & half of the watch below I have been laid down all day sick with a cold. I ought to have taken some physic for as they say we now I would not ask for any when it was known I needed something when I was laid down. I am generally sick. The Capt. had no conversation with me unless it is on ship duty. He may think it doing something justly expect by not letting me know my boat. For I don't believe the English law will allow to read a man's reputation (The Bark is under English colors) and if I go to Auckland N.Z. I shall try to find out if I should have one up with a round turn or to all a sailor phrase they would be surprised. I sometimes feel as though I should hold my tongue and if I should say know who was the cause of it.

My wife from the ship
said she was
long to see
me.

Thursday February 3rd

Strong breeze from the S.W. one sail sight at 4 P.M. Gyrmoid bearing about N.W. I feel much better in body to my cold being better.

Friday February 4th

Caught a Miller

Fine weather all day during the afternoon ran to the S.E. at 5 P.M. lowered after killing the Starboard caught one is being the first one I ever saw caught although have lowered a number of times for them. The Captain lowered the Starboard.

Saturday February 5th 1870

Commenced with a fine breeze from the S.W. at 6.35 A.M. I raised a Gun Whaler at about 8.40. lowered all four boats. the Captain lowered the Starboard boat. Starboard boat struck. whaler ran away in a dug iron but did not bring him in. Starboard boat sent on and afterwards I took her line again & cast of G.B. line and before getting in line on again when I took G.B. line for previous to that G.B. boat factored and line parted. G.B. came along side & coiled another line. while going he winded chain until 3.30. for sight of him boat came along side at 4. strong breeze from the S.W. doubt if the whaler and fished the mackerel saw nothing more of the whaler or the lines over. there was one whaler I should think, perhaps more and perhaps not to every. at 7 P.M. Gyrmoid bearing to the S.W. perhaps 100 miles. caps say at this did much better than if I had lowered. But did quite pleased to think that I raised the whaler if they do not let me lower this caps say me from trying to raise whaler as long as I stand mackerel heads. Gyrmoid this morning bore about N.W. 11th 176.08

Sat Sunday February 6th 1870

Commenced light from the S.E. latter part from the N.W. Steering to the S.W. saw the Starboard whaling. Commenced No 52 to look to day.

Monday February 7th 1870

Commenced moderate from the S.W. took one water and filled several cask of salt water at 6 P.M. lowered after Blackship. The two water boat each caught one. the Capt. caught one in line the first one he has caught this voyage at 8 P.M. wind N.W. saw to sail to day. The land is now bearing to the Westward.