

Remarks On Board Brig E. H. Adams

Thursday Jan 21st 1875

Begins with very light S. Easterly wind
Brig heading from E. N. E. to N. E. at 1st 45
Pm raised a breach off our lee bow
steered for it with all drawing sail set
at 3:50 Pm raised sperm whales 8 miles
off lowered 2 L Boats & made chase (the
boatswain being sick he took the
3rd mate to steer him) at 5:35 Pm the
L B. struck, the N B. soon struck, killed
& took these whales along side at 7 Pm
got supper & set the watches at 8:45 Pm.
middle port watches employed getting
up cutting gear &c fine weather with
the exception of a heavy swell from the
N. W. at 11 Am wind shifted to N. E.
strong, latter part strong N E wind &
a heavy sea at 5 Am called all hands
put a reef in the Main sail & set it
then commenced cutting at 7:15 had the
largest whale on deck left off cutting
& got breakfast at 9:15 Am finished
cutting, sent down cutting gear &c
so of. de with all hands employed Bailing
cutting blubber clearing away heads &c
brig lying with head yards aback.

Lat 24° 37' S. Long 36° 50' W.

W. B.

L. B.

Raised by Thomas Wilson

New Bedford Wm. C. Brannell Master

Friday Jan 22nd 1875

Begins with fresh N. E. wind & a rough sea
Brig lying with head yards aback heading
to the N. W. all hands employed Bailing
cutting blubber Breaking out for oil casks
&c at 4:30 Pm began to rain, weather thick
& threatening at 7 Pm still raining
moderately. Barometer down to 29° 70' middle
& latter part blowing a gale & some rain very
rough sea Barometer down to 29° 60'
watches employed bailing so ends
Lat 25° 05' S Long 37° 12' W.

Saturday Jan 23rd

Begins with a heavy gale from N. E. & a
heavy sea running. Barometer down to 28° 60'
watches employed bailing at 4:30 Pm
finished bailing cleared up decks & washed
off at 6:30 Pm wore ship to N. W. wind
more moderate set fore top sail (sea
watches again to night) Barometer standing
the same but the weather looking better
middle & latter part blowing a fresh gale
from N. E. heading E. N. E. under short sail
so ends this day

Sunday Jan 24th

Begins with a gale of wind from N. E.
heading E. N. E. under short sail at 2 Pm
parted main stay put a tackle on it &
set it up for present use at 5 Pm
squally with some rain. with a very rough
sea. Barometer rising a trifle at 10 Pm
weather looking some better but having
heavy squalls with rain. middle part
much the same latter part blowing very heavy
in squalls at 11 Am the try sail blew away
& busted the 7.5 Stasail. close reefed the main
sail & set it so ends this day

Barometer down to 29° 60'