

Remarks On Board Brig E. H. Adams of

New Bedford Wm. E. Brownell Master.

Tuesday Jan 18th

Begins with fresh breeze from E by the wind to S.E. at 1 P.M. I boarded the ship. star of the west Gardner of Boston from New York for Shanghai had sprung a leak & was bound to sea for repairs. got some late papers & a few potatoes & returned on board. at sundown shortened sail as usual. brig heading S.E. weather cloudy. middle & latter part fine weather at daylight made all sail brig heading S.W. set up fore stay saw some sperm whales so ends of
Lat 25° 40' S Long 37° 28' W.

Wednesday Jan 19th

Begins with fine weather light wind from E.S.E. brig by the wind to S. saw some porpoises at sundown fresh breeze. shortened sail as usual. middle & latter part fine weather. wind light from E to N.E. so ends.
Lat 25° 57' S. Long 37° 55' W.

Thursday Jan 20th

Begins with light breeze from N.N.E. steered brig S. with square sails set (ran pumps) at sundown shortened sail & luffed by the wind heading N.W. middle part much the same at daylight steered N. & made sail at 8 A.M. raised sperm whales. lowered all 3 boats & made chase the waist boat went on & missed one. but soon went on & struck the I.B. struck the same whale. the I.B. chase on.

Thursday Continued.

after the school & struck & turned a whale up. the W Boat whale run to windward so ends with I.B. lying by the whale & the other boats fast.
26° 20' S. Long 38° 20' W.

Friday Jan 21st

Begins with fine weather wind at E. one boat lying by a dead whale & the other 2 boats fast killed their whale at 3 P.M. got him along side at 5 P.M. took the I. Boat whale along side at 9 P.M. got supper dinner &c. & set the watches for the night. with one large whale & one small one along side. middle part wind freshening & rugged at daylight. called all hands & hooked on. to the large whale started piece & then found that the fluke chain was most off of him while putting on another. lower block strap parted lost a chain strap. but saved the hook & turnbuckle in a few minutes the fluke chain parted put it on again & it soon parted again. then put on an old cutting fall. it being so rugged then gave up trying to cut him & cut in the small whale. & got him cleared away at 11 A.M. very strong wind rough sea & clear weather. so ends
Lat 26° 40' S Long 38° 26' W.

