

Ship Franklin in the South Atlantic

Whale The mate came up and got fast and held on to the whale until the line cut the head of the boat down the stern then drew Capt got in to the third mates Boat and got fast to the whale that he was fast to and succeeded in turning it up two sail in sight with Boats down chasing whales

23^d This day commences with fine weather Ship steering S. E. Men employed in cutting in the whale that was taken yesterday I will here explain the method of cutting in a Whale When a Whale is brought along side a chain or rope is put around its flukes by the means of rope with lead and boy attached to it the boy being sunk by the lead and hauled up until the boy comes out side of the whale it is then hauled up with the line hook the fluke chain is made fast to the other end of the boy rope and hauled around the whales flukes passing the end of the chain through a ring in the other end it is then hauled up until the end passed toward through hawser pole and belayed to the bowsprit Bitts A chain is put around one of the masts and hooked on to with a large hook attached to a tackle made fast to the head of the main mast the fall being lead over the windlass The Capt Mate and second Mate get over the side on to the stages which are made fast with ropes which are passed through the stage and knotted under the canvas underneath and commence cutting in heaving at the same time on the windlass which rolls the whale which takes the blubber off of the whale and down on until the whale is cut in the blubber is then cut in to horse pieces and then dinned then the part into the try pots and tryed out two sail in sight

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24th This day commences with calm weather Ship steering S. W. Raised Whales at three o'clock we did not lower for them

25th This day commences with fine weather Wind S. E. Ship steering S. W. Raised Whales at six o'clock we saw one sail in sight

26th This day commences with a moderate breeze from S. E. Ship steering S. W.

27th This day commences with a strong breeze from the S. E. Ship steering S. W. I spoke the Ship Raindeer of New Bedford The Bark John Dawson is in sight Raised a Whale at sunset Tacked Ship and stood to the South and under double reefed top sail

28th This day commences with a moderate breeze Ship steering S. E. Two sail in sight

29th This day commences with a strong breeze from the S. W. Ship steering S. E. Two sail in sight I spoke the Bark Atlantic

30th This day commences with a strong breeze from the S. E. Ship steering S. E. I spoke the Bark Franklin of New Bedford and with Bark Atlantic

1st Dec This day commences with a moderate breeze from the S. E. Ship steering W. by S. Four sail in sight

2^d This day commences with a light breeze from the S. W. Ship steering S. E. One sail in sight on the weather beam

3^d This day commences with rainy weather Wind S. E. Ship steering S. I spoke the Ship Junior of New Bedford

4th This day commences with a light breeze from the S. E. Ship steering S. W. One sail in sight on the lee bow steering close hauled on Starboard Tack