

5 P.M. the Boats were taken up. Steered by the wind to the  
E. & N. At 7 A.M. saw Woods Island N. & E.  
At noon Woods Island North 6 leagues.

Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1833. Gentle breezes & fair weather.  
At 1 P.M. steered to the Westward. At 4.30 P.M. Gardner's  
Island N. & W. 2 leagues, saw several Sperm Whales. At 5  
P.M. lowered three Boats but could not get near enough  
to them at dusk, therefore took up the Boats & steered  
to the S. & W. by the wind. At 7 A.M. were & steered N. & E.  
to N. E. & E. Lat Obs 2° 23' S

Monday Decem. 23<sup>rd</sup> Gentle breezes & fair weather. Steered  
to the N. & E. At 5 P.M. fell in with & spoke Barque Ruyel,  
North, who left Charles's Island yesterday & informed that  
he had seen ~~one~~ <sup>men</sup> that deserted while after Tarapin  
at the Island, Steered to the S. & W. during the night by the  
wind. At daylight tacked & stood to the Eastward.  
The Barque in Company to windward.

At Noon Brattle Island bore N. & W. 3 leagues dist.

Tuesday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Fine pleasant breezes & fair weather. At  
1 P.M. Capt West went on board the Barque to carry letters.  
At 3 P.M. returned. Stood by the wind to the Eastward.  
At Sundown abreast the anchorage at Charles's Island.  
Ships Isaac Howland, Austin, of New Bedford and Cyrus  
Hapsey of Nantucket at Anchor here. Being becalmed off  
here. Capt West boarded the Ships to make enquiries if they  
had seen our deserters. At 10 P.M. came on board & stood off  
from the land with light airs. At daylight stood in & fell  
in with the two Ships bound to James's Island. Delivered  
one of the old Boats, sold to Ship Cyrus. parted company at  
10 A.M. and continued by the wind beating up the Island.  
Isaac Howland 23 months out 1350 Bbls oil.  
Cyrus 15 months out 500 Bbls oil.



Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> 1833 Fresh breezes & pleasant weather  
Beating up the Island. At 12 P.M. Capt West went ashore  
at Black Beach to endeavor to find the deserted men. Stood  
off & on from the land through the night. At 11 A.M. Capt  
West came on board not being able to apprehend the deserters,  
& sent the Boats ashore for wood.

Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant breezes & fair weather. Two  
Boats employed bringing off wood. At Sundown stood off  
from the land. At 2 A.M. stood in again. At 10 A.M. Capt  
West went ashore. Employed the Boat bringing off wood.  
Made short tacks off & on.

Friday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> Pleasant breezes & fair weather. Boats  
employed bringing off wood 'til 5 P.M. when they went  
up. Made all Sail & stood by the wind to the S. & W. At 2  
A.M. were to Eastward. At 12 A.M. tacked to S. & W. All  
hands employed cutting up wood & stowing it away. At 10 A.M.  
tacked to East. At Noon Charles Island in sight N. & E. 8 leagues.

Saturday Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Pleasant breezes & fine weather. Steered  
to the East by the wind. At 5 P.M. Ship Frances, Alby,  
of New Bedford ran down & boarded us. She is 13 months  
out 900 Bbls oil. At 10 P.M. left us being bound to Charles's  
Island. At 7 A.M. ran down toward Gardner's Island.  
At 9 A.M. hauled on the wind to S. & W.



At Noon Charles Island N. & E. 3 leagues.

Sunday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Gentle breezes & mild pleasant weather.  
Steered to S. & W. Saw a Ship close in to the land, supposed  
to be the Frances. At 2 A.M. tacked to E. & N. At 10 A.M.  
saw a Ship off the lee beam on the other tack. Saw  
Porpoise but no appearance of Whales.

At Noon Charles Island North 4 leagues.