

Boat George Washington C. Fish Master

Remarks on board Thursday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1837

First part moderate breeze from N by N West Wind and thick weather with some rain cruised about for whales one sail in sight at 4 P.M. shortened sail. Latter part a fine breeze at 11 and pleasant at day light made all sail and cruised about for whales saw eight whales put off but did not strike the whales going quick to windward 2 sails in sight took a Linnæus Pk by measuring the dist of the sun from the moon Lat by Obs 34.10 South

Remarks on board Thursday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1837

This day commenced with a fresh gale from E to ESE and pleasant cruised about for whales saw eight whales put off but did not strike at 3 P.M. took in the fore top gallant sail at 7 P.M. shortened sail one sail in sight. Latter part a light breeze at 2 and pleasant at day light made all sail and steered S W employed cleaning some took a Linnæus Pk by measuring the dist of the sun from the moon Lat by Obs 33.47 South

Remarks on board Thursday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1837

First part a light breeze at 8 and pleasant steered S W employed cleaning some saw fin backs at 9 P.M. saw a right whale put off but did not strike at 2 past 9 came on board and shortened sail. Latter part a light breeze from E to ESE. Latter part a light breeze from N to N W and pleasant at day light made all sail and steered from N to S W 3 sails in sight at 6 at 10 saw right whales put off but did not strike at 8 came on board at 9 put off again but did not strike at 11 came on board Lat by Obs 34.18 South

Remarks on board Saturday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1837

First part a light breeze from N to N W and pleasant cruised about for whales saw fin backs at 5 P.M. spoke the America of Sag Harbour 15 months out with 1850 lbs whale and 250 lbs sperm oil 2 more sails in sight at 9 P.M. shortened sail caught a porpoise. Latter part a light breeze at 11 and pleasant at day light made all sail and cruised about for whales 7 sails in sight at 11 spoke the saw right whales put off and killed 2 and struck 1 Lat by Obs 34.18 South

Remarks on board Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1837

First part light airy from N to N W and pleasant at 1 past 10 P.M. got the whale to the ship at 50 commenced cutting at 50 finished at 6 spoke the Am-Charis of New London with 1850 lbs whale oil at 7 P.M. shortened sail. Latter part a fine gale at 11 and pleasant at day light made all sail and chased about looking for whales saw fin backs and porpoises 7 sails in sight Lat by Obs 34.24 South

Remarks on board Monday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1837

This day commenced with a fresh gale at 8 and pleasant steered ESE 2 sails in sight at 4 P.M. spoke the Bark Astoria of Plymouth with a right whale at 9 took in the main sail and top gallant sails. Latter part a fresh gale from N to N W steered from S E to S W at day light set the main top gallant sail took the ship and steered N W at 10 commenced boiling. Latter part a strong gale at 11 and ruggid at 12 took in the main top gallant sail at 9 a double reefed the fore top sail at noon took in the jib and reefed the main top sail saw fin backs and porpoises caught 1 porpoise Lat by Obs 34.01 South

Cruising for right whales

Remarks on board Tuesday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1837

First part a strong gale at 11 and ruggid at 12 under short sail employed boiling at 10 P.M. finished boiling at noon took in the fore top sail and spanker. Latter part a fresh gale at 11 and thick and raining at 6 at 10 set a double reefed fore top sail at 8 were ship and steered N W at 9 spoke the North America of Warren with 5 right whales set the spanker at 10 let the reef out of the main top sail and set the jib saw fin backs 4 sails in sight Lat by Obs 34.20 South

Remarks on board Tuesday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1837

First part a moderate breeze from N to N W steered from N to N W by 11 saw fin backs 4 sails in sight employed storing tallow oil at 3 P.M. spoke the Arctic of Salem 48 days out no oil at 7 a double reefed sail and headed W. Latter part a fresh gale at 11 and pleasant at day light made sail and steered N W 4 sails in sight at 7 at 10 took in the main top gallant sail at 9 set the fore and main top gallant sails at 11 spoke the Bark Astoria of New York with 6 right whales and 100 lbs sperm oil at noon took in the top gallant sails Lat by Obs 33.51 South

Remarks on board Thursday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1837

First part a fine breeze at 8 by W cruised about for whales saw fin backs 5 ships in sight at 10 spoke the Henry of Sag Harbour with 1850 lbs oil set the main top gallant sail at 9 took in the main sail in top gallant sail and were ship a double reefed a moderate breeze from N by N W steered from N by S to N W Latter part a fine gale at 11 and pleasant at day light made all sail and steered S E 3 sails in sight saw fin backs and porpoises Lat by Obs 33.55 South

Remarks on board Friday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1837

This day commenced with a fresh gale at 11 clear and ruggid steered S by W 2 sails in sight at 2 P.M. took in the fore top gallant sail at 9 took in the main top gallant sail at 6 took in the main sail and reefed the top sails at 9 took in the fore top sail jib and spanker and took in the waist boat were ship and headed N by W. Latter part a strong gale at 11 by W and ruggid at day light set the main sail double reefed fore top sail jib and spanker were ship and steered S W 4 sails in sight put the waist boat on the cranes saw fin backs and black fish at 10 took in the main sail let the reef out of the jib Lat by Obs 34.27 South

Remarks on board Saturday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1837

First part a strong gale at 11 cloudy and ruggid with some rain steered S W 2 sails in sight at 10 P.M. took in the fore top sail and spanker and took in the waist boat were ship and headed N by W at 9 spoke the Harrier Harriette of New Bedford with 1000 lbs whale and 200 lbs sperm oil Latter part a moderate breeze at 11 and pleasant at day light set the main sail double reefed fore top sail jib and spanker and steered S W 2 sails in sight at 5 at 10 made all sail put the waist boat on the cranes at noon spoke the Long of New Bedford with 6 right whales Lat by Obs 34.28 South

Remarks on board Sunday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1837

First part a moderate breeze from N to N W and cloudy breeze from N to N W at 4 P.M. spoke the Lyddy of New Bedford with 2 right whales at 9 shortened sail were ship and headed N W. Latter part a light breeze from N to N W steered from S W to S E. Latter part a light breeze at 3 P.M. and pleasant at day light made all sail and steered N in company with the Henry saw fin backs Lat by Obs 34.34 South