

Ship Alfred Gibbs off Massafura

Remarks Tuesday April 14th 1868. 1021
Begins with light air from the W.

Thursday April 16th 1023
Pleasant breezes from the S. and fine.
at 5 1/2 P M civil time raised a large
Sperm. whale. at 6 1/2 lowered. at 5 struck
the whale to the W Boat. at 6 1/2 took him
along side. the S Boat got stove.
No. 8. Lat 33-00 Long 83-00

Remarks Friday April 17th 1024
Pleasant breezes from the S. at 7 1/2 A M
commenced cutting. at 4 P M finished.
Lat 32-41

Monday April 21st 1028
Moderate and fine. Employed stowing down
oil. at 11 1/2 A M raised a school of sperm
whales going to the windward at 1 lowered
the S Boat. the whales heard the S Boat
pulling and started off quick, got nothing.
Massafura bearing S by E Dist 60 miles
Lat 32-51

Remarks May 3rd Friday.
Begins with pleasant breeze from NW. at 6 1/2
A M saw a sperm. whale at 7 1/4 lowered
the S Boat. at 10 1/4 the W Boat struck at 11 took
him along side. saw another while the S Boat
were fast. at 2 P M commenced cutting at 7
came in squally and rough. cut the body. the rest
marring took in the fore and went to breakfast.
the tank heavy. the S Boat chain parted and we lost
the case. Massafura bearing E by S Dist 40 miles
No. 8. Lat 32-51

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Remarks Friday June 5th 1868
Light breezes from S by N. at 7 A M saw
two large whales going to the NW. lowered the S Boat
the W Boat at along side of one. but the
whale saw the S Boat and jumped. the Officer told
the S Boat steerer to dart but he did not and the
whale got off with a whale skin.
Lat 32-45 Long 88-45

Remarks Wednesday July 22^d 1868
Strong winds from East and squally. under
soluble clouds. at 8 1/2 A M saw two large
whales going to the windward. lowered no
no success. at noon returned to the ship.
Lat 20-46 Long 91-40

Remarks Friday Aug. 1st
Moderate breezes from N.W. and fine. at 7 A M
raised a school of small whale going to the N.E.
at 1 P M came up to them and lowered the
S Boat. the S. and L Boats got one apiece.
the W Boat had one missed. when he came
on S Boats I broke the S Boat steerer and
sent him into the Rear Castle. so ended.
Lat 22-08 Long 92-52

Remarks Saturday Aug 22nd 1868
Begins with fresh breeze from NW and squally. at 7 A M
Massafura bearing E Dist 60 miles, saw two large whales
going N.E. lowered the S Boat. at noon the L Boat struck.
at 7 1/2 took him along side. at 10 commenced cutting about
cut until 2 O Clock in the morning. then I sent all
hands below. and stood the watch myself. before we
got him in we had very bad weather, rain, and blowed
like Nelson.
Lat 30-40 Long 90-40