

Journal by Thomas O. Riffe

April 7 April 1836 Remarks

1 April to board to Mr. Harkness 169

29 Went to Jersey

May 16 Came to New York

20 Shipped for a whaling voyage with J. B. Taylor the South Sea

26 Went aboard of Ship Hestman as passenger Lay in the Steamer until

June 8 Sailed for New Bedford at 10 A.M. via New Bedford

11 Arrived at 4 A.M.

12 Shipped on board Ship Grand Turk Little Master for a whaling voyage to Indian and South Atlantic oceans

13 Got my fitting out done

14 Went round to Dartmouth in a small boat kept aboard this night

Journal of a Whaling

Voyage from the Indian and South Atlantic Oceans in the Ship Grand Turk in the years 1836, 1837, 1838.

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thomas O. Riffe

June Ship Grand Turk 1836 Wind from Lat. Long.

15 Got under weigh at 5 A.M. No SE

16 On this day most of us were sea sick and continued so for 4 days Did not keep an account of the wind after this

25 Saw a whale a fin back

27 Saw Black fish

1 Made Pargal went ashore 12 miles or so from at 11 A.M. kept off at 12 A.M. Islands

15 Made the 1st of salt ahead Cape Verde at 2 P.M.

18 Crossed the line at 4 P.M.

18 Made Trinidad at 6 A.M. West Indies

30 About this time doubled the Cape of Good Hope

Sept 28 Toward for black fish Killed two

29 Killed and sunk a right whale. This was the first he got away being close chased by the other boats for three hours. It was blowing heavy. This was about the 3500 Deg. but and about here while we got 20 right whales making us 1150 lbs. right whale oil and 4 sperm whales making up 1100 lbs. sperm oil together 1250 lbs. The Starboard boat to which I belonged got three bow boat three Starboard and Starboard not at all after we got all this oil stowed down we could not see any more whales