

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thomas O. Hesse

1840	Ship Grand Port. June	Wind	Course	Lat	Long
				North	West
Thurs. 11	Out in the junk yesterday whale lost the case. Seen Barge full of New Libans. Spoke Brig Welcome Sun drenched A strong breeze Squally Sun humps back coming out At dark a brig ran in under our stern and hailed us. He could not tell what we were doing. He then went on fire	W	Atlantic	46.38	23.23
Frid. 12	A strong breeze, trying out Stowed some oil P.M. Blowing, a gale rain cooled down the watch divided	SW	No observation		
Sat 13	A little more moderate Started the works at 10 A.M. Saw a school of black fish Squally	W		46.00	23.25
Sun 14	A. N. N. Strong breeze Stowed some oil P.M. Blowing a gale rain cooled down having all kind out	SW			
Mon 15	Blowing a gale with rain. Sailed 10.40 P.M. Set the topsails, clear topped very foggy	W		47.48	23.10
Tuesd. 16	Blowing a very heavy gale took in all sail but close reefed main topsail. A ship in sight and a few back. Last night parted for Spencer bang and things of brochet yard. Now a few bang and mended the things clear and dry At 6 A.M. a little more moderate	W		48.07	22.44

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Wed 17	A little more moderate down heaved topsails. Seen a ship steering North East. Squally sent down for and frozen. Royal mast about for topgallant sail	W	Atlantic	47.45	22.27
Thurs 18	Saw three ships steering South East. Double reefed topsail breeze. No whales in sight	SW		47.16	22.07
Frid 19	Stowed the remainder of our oil A light breeze clear three ships in sight but no whale to school of porpoise to wind ward carried sail all night	W		46.30	24.50
Sat 20	Saw three ships in sight. A strong breeze no whales to be seen took in sail at sunset	W		46.36	25.00
Sun 21	A light breeze saw 4 ships at 9 A.M. Squared the yards at 5 P.M. Saw hump and few backs took in sail at sunset	SW		46.34	25.36
Mon 22	A light breeze hump and in backs in sight a school of porpoise four ships	SW		46.15	25.14
Tues 23	A light breeze hump and few backs and three ships in sight	SW		46.09	25.29
Wed 24	A strong breeze at 7 A.M. Squared yards. Seen a great many ships bound to the Eastward also two whales sent down frozen topgallant mast and foretopgallant yard, and mast very cloudy	SW		46.34	26.20