

Journal on board

S.P.O. 11 December 1872

Thursday Dec 5

A fine day, and we put a little more sail on this morning. Lat. 36° 7' min Lon 74° 10' min

Friday Dec 6th

Good weather, but no sail made until noon when sperm whales were raised off the weather beam three boats lowered and the mate got stove but did not strike the whale. at four the second mate struck an 80 bbl. whale and took him alongside. Lat. 36° 31' min Lon 73° 57' min

Saturday Dec. 7th

Good weather, but so rough we did not try to cut. until about ten when all hands were called and commenced and finished at about nine spoke the Bk. Porcia of Takahuanu

Sunday Dec 8th

Started the boiling process machine or whatever it may be called. it runs as if we were been a month from port. but the dull lazy port feeling has left, and whalers are in their proper sphere

Monday Dec. 9th

Cooled down this morning. for wind nothing to do throughout the day but if we get good weather before the blubber spoils we will be just as thankful. I am particularly anxious to save all of this for a great dinner is promised. the waist boats crew and for 150 bbl and the knocks so many off

Barke Alfred Gibbs

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Tuesday Dec 10th

Fired up again this morning and boiled steadily until night and with out trouble more than a rough sea and a strong wind

Wednesday Dec 11th

Finished boiling this morning and the remainder of the day were busy cleaning up and making things secure. for we had a strong breeze.

Thursday Dec 12

Stowed down the oil today, and finished at about 2 o'clock. I am getting discontented with whaling. I would really like my discharge here, or in Chili. I could run away but it dont seem quite right to do so.

Friday Dec. 13th

Quite pleasant day. with two sail not a great way off from us. Lat. 35° 1' min Lon 75° 40' min

Saturday Dec. 14

A fine day. two whales in sight in the afternoon jammed the Comelia she had been down to the leeward on the line but had only taken 200 bbl since April last

Sunday Dec. 15

Good weather with a fine breeze but nothing in sight except two whales in sight. today I returned to my old station again and glad enough to get back again I was

Acting Steward