

Journal on board

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Friday Jan. 17th

Sultry. working on the rigging yet but I think it is about done. this is nice weather for such work but not for men to work.

Saturday Jan 18th

Now I think we are off. no sail taken in tonight and everything set. our work is done. the rigging set up footropes overhauled &c. and now for some whaling at least we will stand a better chance for it farther South than here.

Sunday Jan 19

A strong breeze from the South and we under full sail. two other merchantships in sight this is nice weather for sailing.

Monday Jan 20th

Pleasant

Tuesday Jan 21st

A strong breeze from the South and at night we had to take in the light sails. carrying sail makes it far more pleasant than laying around under double reefed topsails.

Wednesday Jan 22nd

The first thing in the morning was to make sail. about that time sperm whales were raised and three boats lowered and the mate struck a small bull, the third mate then struck a good sized cow. then through mistake we struck the mate's whale. he cut and struck another. we soon killed our

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and then struck third mate and finished him. then took them alongside. and had them fluked and finished cutting at 7 P.M.

Thursday Jan 23rd

Boiling

Friday Jan 24th

Boiling. this creates agreeable talk that of going home and how can it be otherwise than agreeable when we are nearly three years from home? a smooth sea and nice weather.

Saturday Jan 25th

Good weather. finished boiling this morning but with wetting hold and other work we made out a fair days work. St. Felix and St. Ambrose in sight small islands situated in about Lat 26° 20' min. Lon 79° 47' min. N. E.

Sunday Jan 26th

A strong South wind. was under all sail. land in sight off the weather bow St. F. - and a rock to the N. W. of St. Ambrose looks exactly like a ship under all sail and was reported as such no less than three times today.

Monday Jan 27th

Blowed up and clived down this morning to stow down. and put down 75 bbls. making 1610 bbls. now for 200 more and home we go.

Tuesday Jan 28th

A strong breeze from the South. were on the Port tack heading N. by E. nothing in sight.