

Log of Barge Gasconade of Westport

Stem (S) com' with 7 large whals in sight
 (Bl. M. 24) aiming to nip down at 2 pm General
 March 7th 9 quarter boats at 4 pm Gasconade bag
 Succeeded in striking one at 5 pm took
 him along side and began to cut at 6 1/2 pm
 got off one side of his head at 8 am wind
 blowing strong knocked off and lashed down
 more ship took in all sail at 9 pm light gale
 Wind port light heavy gale from South split
 Main top sail at 8 am sent down Main
 top sail and bent new one still blowing a gale
 large sea running on Soundings at 10 am Spoke
 Barge Northern luce from Telegrapher bound
 to Genoa at 4 pm with a gale

alt 25.75 21.19

Stem (S) com' with heavy gale and large sea at 5 pm
 Thursday) more ship to try to cut to South Sea
 March 8th Ship Gasconade and rolling heavy at 5 pm set
 Main top sail closed reefed ship heading off
 Wind port heavy gale which trying bad along
 side more ship in shore like the same large
 sea running so wind with getting ready to
 cut across decks with one tackle

Bound towards Valparaiso

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Stem (S) com' with heavy gale at 1 pm got on
 Friday) cutting tackle across decks and began
 (March 9th) to cut at 3 pm got off sea and began
 on board with short pieces 6 feet long at
 midnight got in board and cut away the
 head the rigging to hold on it set fore and
 Main top sail closed reefed land in sight dist
 10 to 12 miles still blowing a gale from the South ship
 heading off
 at daylight began to clear up Deck still
 blowing a gale the whale lying along
 side had done damage to the
 amount of 4 or 5.00 dollars

Stem (S) com' with
 Saturday) rubbed off nearly 3 scores of copper
 (March 10th) and tore off some sheathing on the bow
 cut plank in the waist parted one
 plank chain and chaffed another badly
 also parted one head chain like the
 same happened in cutting up of blubber and
 putting it in casks ship heading off the cur
 ring in tight leading the same

alt 29.17 25.20