

Off Shore Ground, Gray Master. 1842

Thursday Dec 9th 1841

Commences with light air from S.W. and fair
blowing South with all sail out. The hands Employed
in fitting rigging. Latter Saw plenty blackfish.

Lat 00.45 South
Long 100.03 West.

Friday Dec 10th

Commences with light light breezes
from S. S.W. and fine weather. The watch Employed
in stripping the head stays. Saw finbacks & porpoises
Latter part. The Carpenter fitting the pumps.

Lat 1.37 South
Long 100.37 West.

Saturday Dec 11th

Commences with pleasant breezes &
fine weather. The ship heading S.W. The watch
Employed in painting the jars. Latter part the
same. So Ends these 24 hours.

Lat 2.42 S
Long 101.30 West.

Sunday Dec 12th

Commences with fresh winds &
fine weather. Saw finbacks & porpoises. Midnight
much the same. Latter squally. Took in fore top
gallant sail. Ends these hours.

Lat 4.04 South
Long 102.24 West.

Monday December 13th

Squally weather. Ship heading S.W.
Made parts & squally. Latter part more moderate.
Saw a sail of the he beam.

Lat 5.15 South
Long 103.16 West.

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James Gray Master

Tuesday Dec 14th 41

Commences strong trades and squally.
Sunset sufficed the topsails. A.M. tacked ship to the
N.E. 91. Raised 3 Large whales of the he beam
10. Lowered the boats in pursuit of them. Struck 2
5 minutes after the larboard boat struck the whale.
Sounder & took the line. They then pulled aboard & took
another line. Then put off in pursuit of him again. Saw
the ship Lexington to leeward. Ends these hours.

Lat 5.42 South
Long 103.38 West.

Wednesday December 15th

Fresh trades. 3 boats off in pursuit of
the whale 3 P.M. took the starboard boat whale
to the ship. Then kept the ship off for the boats.
Ship Lexington had her boats down. Sunset gave up
the chase. Latter part. Employed in cutting. A ship
in sight to windward. So Ends.

Lat 6.00 South
Long 104.18 West.

Thursday Dec 16th

These 24 hours commences with fresh
breezes from S.W. and fair weather. Employed in
boiling. A ship in sight to windward. Made
parts boiling. Latter boiling. Saw a booby.
Ends this day.

Lat 6.00 South
Long 104.22 West.

Friday Dec 17th

Commences fresh trades. Employed in
boiling. Nothing seen worth remarking. Ship
heading South. Made parts finished boiling.
Latter part. Nothing seen. Ends these hours.

Lat 5.17
Long 103.14