

On the Line.

Friday January 27th 1843

Commenced with light air of wind with squalls of rain and fog. at 3.30 p.m. saw a large sperm whale heading to the N.W. lowered for him, but it being thick, rainy, and near night, did not get fast. at dark the boat returned. Middle part moderate and clear, run off part of the night in hopes to see him again. Latter part much the same as the middle. all sail set heading S.W. saw porpoises Lat 00° 06' N. Long 101° 52' W.



Saturday January 28th

Came with gentle trades from S.E. and pleasant weather. saw a fin-back going to windward. Middle & Latter parts nearly calm. heading S.W. nearly calm. plenty of porpoises in light. Lat 0° 06' N. Long 102° 32' W.

Sunday January 29th

Began with light baffling wind from S.E. all sail set, heading S.W. Nothing in light. Latter part much the same. saw plenty of finbacks Lat 0° 20' N. Long 103° 02' W.

Monday January 30th

Commenced with light air from S.E. and pleasant weather, the ship heading S.W. with all sail set, but experienced a strong current setting to the N.W. and have not gained any the last 24 hours. saw nothing but finbacks and sharks; caught one shark; at 10 p.m. tacked to the Eastward. Latter part moderate and pleasant. Lat 0° 40' N. Long 102° 40' W.

Tuesday January 31st

Came with fine and pleasant weather heading E. by S. at 4 p.m. lowered for blackfish but got none. Middle & Latter parts much the same. Lat 01° 55' N. Long 100° 32' W.

Wednesday February 1st

Began with light winds and pleasant weather. heading E. by S. & S.E. Latter part much the same. Employed in turning the fore rigging. Lat 00° 05' N. Long 100° 32' W.

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Thursday February 2nd

Commenced the same as yesterday. tacked to the S. Lat 00° 11' N. Long 100° 33' W.

Friday February 3rd

Came the same as yesterday. Employed in scraping the ship's sides. Lat 00° 28' S. Long 100° 58' W.

Saturday February 4th

Began with gentle breeze. Employed in wetting hold &c. Lat 0° 14' S. Long 99° 32' W.

Sunday February 5th

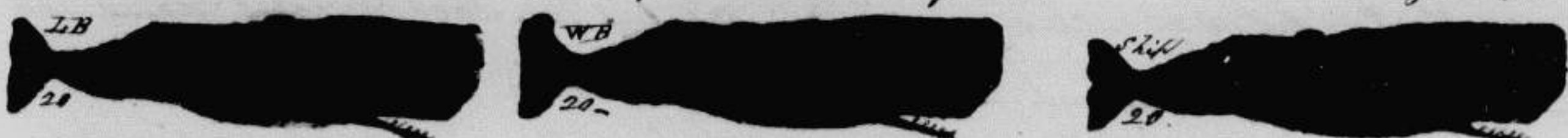
Commenced with gentle trades. heading to the Eastward. Lat 00° 57' S. Long 98° 13' W.

Monday February 6th

Came with gentle breeze from S.E. and pleasant. saw porpoises but no whales. Middle part light winds and clear. ship heading to the Eastward at 6 a.m. commenced breaking out to show down oil. at 9 saw a school of sperm whales heading across our bows to windward; lowered the boats and pulled in ahead of them and turned them off to leeward; at 11 struck one the other boats still in chase of the school. No Obs.

Tuesday February 7th

Began with light breeze and pleasant; at 1 p.m. took the dead whale to the ship; at 3 took another alongside; and at 6 the third one. struck two more and drained; midnight heading to the Eastward, with the whale in tow astern. Latter part Employed in cutting in. Lat 00° 00' S. Long 97° 38' W.



Wednesday February 8th

Commenced with fresh trades. at 1 p.m. finished cutting. broad full heading S.W. and commenced boiling. Middle part fresh trades and clear at 4 a.m. tacked ship to the E. Latter part Employed in boiling. Lat 00° 16' S. Long 98° 17' W.