

Remarks on board Ship **Herald** of New Bedford

Thursday Dec 7th Moderate wind continue from the N. W. C. Steering to the N. W. until 4th Pm raised Spouts of the Quarter. we tacked and set main top-gallant sail & the Jib. At 6 Pm tacked and took in the light sail. At 7 Pm finished boiling our Corn & Back. which made softy lbs as for the Oil as I ever see. employed in cleaning up three Vessels in sight. At Pm. weather clear and pleasant.

Lat Long

Friday Dec 8th fresh wind from the N. W. Steering N. W. until 6 Pm stood off from shore. Two Catamarans in sight steering to the N. W. Land about forty miles distant. not in sight. at 10 Pm closed Spent the Top sails & remained so until 6 Pm set them and fore sail. employed in taking the Mast Boat in on deck repairing it. also in breaking out Water out of the Fore hold. weather clear and pleasant

Lat Long

Saturday Dec 9th Moderate wind continue from the N. W. weather favorable. employed in storing down the Oil 45 lbs & 22 gals and repairing the Boat. At 6 Pm arrived and got fifty two fathoms. At 7 Pm employed in boiling the Cod fish that we caught the 7th made ten gallons. and fixing the Boat. Two Vessels in sight. a Brig & Schooner

Lat Long

John A. Gillies Commander cruising for Sperm Whales off the River Rio de la Plata. Lat about 32.30 Long 48. 50. 00 W. Monday Dec 26th Moderate wind from the N. W. At 1st Pm raised S. Whales again three miles off. a great many of them several passed us quite near. They all seem to be going to the N. W. very fast. At 6 Pm. At 1st up. and raised a Whale of our ba quarter. about a mile off. we lowered our three Landboard Boats and after him. when we got within three Boats length he turned flukes and we luffed to the wind while we was rolling up our sail he or another broke Water about two Boats length off. he saw us and shook it and down he went. we all took to our Oars and pulled to windward but at once of us are we chased them until sundown then went aboard and shortened sail to double reefed Top Sails & Fore sail at 1 Pm set whole Top Sails. Courses Jib and Spanker. Steering to the N. W. and N. E. weather quite hazy. Lat Long



Thursday Dec 26th fresh wind from the S. E. W. At 1 Pm double reefed & furled Jib & Main sail. At 7 Pm took in Fore & Main Top Sails. ... Fore sail and set the Spencers steering to the Westward. weather cloudy and hazy. At 1 Pm blowed a gale. At 8 Pm raised Sperm Whales about one mile off going to the North. very fast. by steering off West we kept run of them until 11 Pm weather clear but a very rough sea & running nothing else in sight during the day. it is not fit weather to lower the Boats. Lat Long