

1835
Journal of a Whaling voyage from N.B. towards the South Atlantic & Indian Oceans

Thursday
15th Day of
October
Latitude by
Obs 30° 15'
Longitude
at 2 P.M.
21° 45'
Longitude
19° 34' = 30"
at 4 P.M.
Longitude
by Chronom.
at 2 P.M.
21° 45'
Longitude
19° 34' = 30"

L.M. Commences with strong Winds from the N.W. & passing clouds at 5 raised several whales & cald one a right whale the rest fin backs at 10 took in 2 x M I G sails & 2 x Studingsail at 11 Double reefed topsails fired 2 x Mainsail & M I G sail at 6 A.M. Bent a cruising Spancker. Sat The mainsail & turned the reefs out the M I G sail Saw a Barque or a ship astern under a lappy press of sail raysals & I believe a main & isail Steering about SE by E content the M I G sail to repair it so ends these 24 hours strong in ships duty hoisted our boats on the Super

Friday
16th
Latitude by
Obs 31° 23'
Longitude
at 2 P.M.
21° 45'
Longitude
19° 34' = 30"

These 24 hours Commences with strong Winds from the West & Good weather at 4 bent the M I G sail & sat it at 11 got 2 x G sail at 4 A.M. took it in fresh gails & some squally at 5 saw a Barque ahead about SE. our Course SE by E Ends with fresh gails & some Cloudy all hands well on Board the watch employed in ships duty saw a Gany

Saturday
17th
Latitude by
Obs 30° 54'
Longitude
at 2 P.M.
21° 45'
Longitude
19° 34' = 30"

These 24 hours commences with fresh breezes & passing clouds at 5 the balld more to the South at 10 the wind about & some clouds at 8 A.M. tooked ship saw a sail ahead at 11 spoke her the ship Reaper of Salem bound to the India ocean Sperrm whaling our Captain went on board so ends these 24 hours fresh breezes from the SE & some Cloudy saw both ships standing to the SE W with M I G sail Sat saw a good number of birds

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Sunday
18th Day
Latitude
Obs 32° 31'
Longitude
by Obs
21° 43' 30"

The first parts of these 24 hours steady breezes from the SE & passing clouds in company with the reaper Saw several finbacks middle part fresh breezes & cloudy Ends with strong breezes & good weather all thick clothes seems to feel that the air is getting some cool in this latitude I am in hopes that we shall soon see some whale that sport a forked spout or the royal old spermasitta for I long to be amongst them so as to head & filling our ship up so ends these 24 hours on Board the ship Changua all hands well hear we are so far from our native shore Deprived of all the good priviledges that kind providence has bestowed for us to our native countrey & names those that are here I am in hopes are improving them to the best advantage

Monday
19th
Latitude
Obs 34° 26'
Longitude
at 2 P.M.
21° 45'
Longitude
19° 34' = 30"

Commences with fresh Winds from the SE & some Cloudy at 5:30 took one reef in the fore topsail & spinn at 8 took in M I G sail & 1 reef in the main middle part strong breezes & Cloudy at 10 A.M. came up & spoke the ship reaper again & dined with her Sat M I G sail these 24 hours with Cloudy weather a good number of birds about the watch employed in ships duty

Tuesday
20th Day
Latitude
Obs 35° 23'
Longitude
at 2 P.M.
21° 45'
Longitude
19° 34' = 30"

L.M. Commences with fresh Winds from the SE & a overcast turned out the reefs at 6 the Capt came on Board later part moderate at 2 P.M. 2 x G sails saw a finback two ships in sight Ends with steady winds & mostly cloudy all hands well on Board the watch employed in ships duty altered the collar of the watch a good many of birds around