

Remarks On Board The Ship Houqua

Sunday 4th Day of December 1836
 first & middle part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from the N.W. & flying clouds at 2 P.M. rapid whale lowered killed 2 Sunk 1 & raised the other both by the larboard boats. Saw several whale it being very rough & proved to our disadvantage lost 4 of 2 lines & 4 crew by the whale that sunk later part all hands employed in cutting in at 9 30 finished cutting in at 11 P.M. turning over the head the ship fetched at scale & the head all quick to the seaward & caught. Spencer rose to the rail & broke his leg short of just above the knee took him down in the cabin & splinted it up & put him to bed. So ends these 24 hour strong gails from the N.W. flying clouds leading to the clouds under short sail. Started the watches No observation

Monday 5th
 first & middle part strong gails from N.W. & W. good weather middle part light rain later part more moderate & smooth sailing all these 24 hours at 6 P.M. looked for whale the waist boat struck & killed him with the iron bar the boat a short distance & the boat captured the other boat assisted us in a short time the whale went of a little worse died & sunk at 11 lowered & took a small whale by the N.W.

Tuesday 6th
 first & middle part fresh breezes from the N.W. & W. later part light airs & pleasant weather Bailing all these 24 hours leading to the N.W.

Wednesday 7th
 first & middle part light breezes from the N.W. & W. later part from the N.W. & W. standing on a wind. Carboard back aboard pinest standing down to the whale about 90 fathoms latitude 34 37

Thursday 8th
 the first part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from the N.W. & flying clouds middle & later part light breezes & cloudy. The first part of the time at 8 P.M. spoke of the ship breezes with the whale the second part the Capt quite unwell lat 35 30

On Cruising Ground In The Indian Ocean C.D. Mac

Friday 9th Day of November 1836
 P.M. Commences with lively breezes from the West & fine weather standing to the South in company with the Ship Cerius at sunset back in sail at Daylight. Moid sail at 8 loquered all 8 boats for 4 gam of freight whale in number caught 1 to each boat the Cerius came up & caught the rest after at 11 Commenced cutting at 8 P.M. the preceding day 3 30 or 40 whales caught & cut in in 1 Day latitude 36 26

Saturday 10th Day
 P.M. Commences with light airs from the west & fine weather middle part from the N.E. later part lively breezes & same squally middle part Commenced Bailing at 6 more ship & headed to the East under short sail a ship in sight supposed to be the Cerius the first part the Cerius cut her whale & about 1 mile from us

Sunday 11th Day
 P.M. Commences with strong breezes from the N.W. & E. & good weather from 12 middle part & later part strong gails & the sea rough from the most part of the time rainy weather very disagreeable ends same clear sailing all these 24 hours. Stowed down about 70 blks of oil

Monday 12th
 first & middle part of these 24 hours strong breezes from N.W. to W. & W. later part more moderate & heavy sea am Bailing all these 24 hours & heading to the N.W. later part stowed down all the oil

Tuesday 13th
 P.M. Commences with lively breezes from the N.W. & clear weather & a heavy sea running at 4 P.M. from the sailing at 8 P.M. stoppails stood boats crews watched through the night later part pinest standing down chooked. The after hatch of the fore hatch way wants about 80 blks & the main about 100 leading to the 100 24. So ends these 24 hours 10 men sick of Dully same has the Scurvy latitude about 37

Wednesday 14th
 P.M. Commences with light breezes from the N.W. & good weather middle & later part strong winds for squally at 12 Meridian the wind shifted to the S.W. with light shower of rain starboard & took aboard