

Brig Hopeton on a Whaling in Atlantic Ocean near Abel Delano Corridor 1854

Remarks on Board Friday February 4th
first part of this 24 hours strong N E trades with equally weather employed in getting ready to anchor stood off and on through the night at 10 am came to anchor under sandy point at the island of Tobago in 12 fathoms of water

Remarks on Board Saturday Feb 5th
laying at sandy point with wind at N E blowing strong weather pleasant employed in clearing ship for paint ^{so ends the day}

Remarks on Board Sunday Feb 6th
lying at sandy point with wind at N E blowing strong and weather pleasant

Remarks on Board Monday Feb 7th
laying at sandy point wind at N E moderate breeze weather pleasant lowered boats for humpback did not strike ^{so ends this day}

Remarks on Board Tuesday 8th
laying at sandy point wind at N E strong fine weather struck two humpbacks and drewed

Remarks on Board Thursday Feb 9th
laying at sandy point strong N E winds blowing at 6 am lowered three boats for whales struck 1 and drewed ^{so ends this day}

Remarks on Board Thursday Feb 10th
this day fine weather with strong N E trades blowing laying at sandy point at sunrise lowered three boats for Whales without success

Remarks on Board Friday Feb 11th
all this day fine weather with strong N E trades at sunrise lowered three boats for Whales at noon came on board latter part of the day employed in painting ship

Remarks on Board Saturday 12th
this day strong N E trades with pleasant weather laying at sandy point chased Whales through the day ^{so ends this day}

Remarks on Board Sunday February 13th
this day light N E trades weather pleasant laying at sandy point at sunrise lowered three boats for Whales struck one sunk him

Remarks on Board Monday Feb 14th
all this day light N E trades with weather pleasant laying at sandy point lowered for Whales in forenoon rest part of the day employed in clearing boards for painting

Remarks on Board Tuesday 15th of February

at 6 am went for whales I chased one & came quite near to him with my sail set the Boat Stewer Andrew Smith took a paddle to paddle the boat I spoke to him & told him not to paddle for the whale was too far off for us to get to him before he went down he got mad at what I said & took the paddle down in the boat as hard as he could in an insulting manner I spoke to him & ask what he thought the paddle in that manner for he says because I felt disposed to he says that I had not tried to whale it & would not try to get oil I went forward to send him off in boat & as I went forward he rushed at me with his fist clenched & struck me a blow on my face when we clenched together & had a scuffle & I struck him once in the mean time in the face that ended our scuffle this man Smith said every thing insulting that a man could say

he said that I had how any the voyage had lost 200 lbs of oil had run into a school of sperm whales in the West ground & gather them from the of & that I had cheated him out of his bituals the said Smith has always lived in the cabin & been treated well but has always been in league with some men forward & con him together for all purposes while I & said Smith was in the scuffle John Turner hauled a paddle out from under the thoughts & motion to strike me & said & said he would cut my dam & him out or was a good mind to & used every amount of insolence when I came on board I called all hands off & told them what had took place & had John Turner put in Irons for my the conduct & threats made towards me when I ask two of the men that was in the boat James Delano & Antonio