

FEBRUARY
25 Monday

Wednesday 25th

This day commences with light winds from the north west steering south west by south cruising. the weather rainy. the watch at work spending the fore staysail and making spinnaker and also mending the old fore top mast staysail fore and main spinnakers and close reefed topsails so ends this day. the weather rainy

Thursday 26th

This day commences with light winds from the northward steering close to the wind cruising. the watch at work making spinnaker and flying the staysail sheet. at sunset took in sail. so ends this day.

26 Tuesday

Friday 27th of Jan^y

This day commences with strong winds from the northward steering close to the wind cruising. the watch at work blacksmithing in the morning saw a large right whale. lowered the boats but did not fasten and we returned aboard and at twelve saw another one and we lowered the boats and the third mate struck him but the iron band drew and we lost him after breaking our cars in the boat. and we returned aboard. but we saw another whale and we lowered again and commenced pulling after him and after pulling six miles the windward we gave him up and started to come aboard and when we got within an half of a mile of the vessel we saw another whale and we started after him

27 Wednesday

and after pulling about two hours the fourth mate struck him but the iron band and we lost him. and we then started aboard and got aboard at sunset and then took in the foresail mainsail and flying jib and layed to for the night. so ends this day. an unlucky day it has been to us all and all hands are tired enough.

FEBRUARY
28 Thursday

Saturday 29th of Jan^y

This day commences with light winds. in the morning saw a school of finnbucks and soon after saw right whales off the lee beam we lowered the boats and the mate struck one and then the other five boats fastened to him. 16th and we soon had him turned up and got along side at 1st past then all hands at work getting the cutting gear ready to cut him in. in the afternoon it commenced blowing hard and sloped cutting and set the turtle go. and then took in all sail but close reefed maintopsail and fore topmast staysail and then all went below all but one water

MARCH
1 Friday

Sunday Jan 30th

This day commences with a gale. the watch at work getting up finnbucks head strap front legle and at eleven commenced cutting in the weather good. we got through cutting at eight o'clock and then went to minding and trying out. at nine o'clock the watch at work cleaning away the heat and cleaning up decks. so ends this day.

Monday Jan 31st

this day commences with light winds lay to. the watch at work trying out and cutting horse pieces and minding and also setting up anchors. plenty of finnbucks in sight but do not lower so ends this day

2 Saturday

Tuesday Jan 3rd

This day commences with light winds from the northward steering close to the wind cruising under sheet sail. the watch at work minding the blubber and trying out we got through at twelve that night and then put in the fat can so ends this day with an no barrels tryed out

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