

Nov 22nd 1853

This morning stormy and disagreeable
High seas. Afternoon wind increased to
S. W. gale rain abating double reefed
top sails. To night the gale is very heavy
seas prodigious and Bark rolling badly
rain over but still dark and cloudy
No obs.

Nov. 23

Still lying too in the gale with
but little canvas on. Weather thick and
cloudy but as yet no rain and no obs.

Nov 24

Chilly and otherwise disagreeable
with frequent squalls from S. W. Under
whole top sails. 11 A.M. raised sight
whale soon after lowered 2 boats in the
Hull we should probably have taken the
first of the kind we have seen but for
an accident happening just as the L. B.
was going on. At this juncture one of our
Western island group cramped his oar
and not being satisfied with that in trying
to extricate it gave utterance to a whole
volume of gibberish which the devil him-
self could not have understood. This was
the noise created by the oar reached
the whale - they are ever on the alert -
and caused him to take French leave
before we could look around. Such little

items in the life of a whaler is generally thought
to effect the coolest heads but there are some
who in their scheming don't hesitate to
wish the subject of our misfortune
right - straight to - well tis a place
to put for me to mention here. Under
the circumstances I suppose the fellow did
as well as he knew. The day closes
with mild and pleasant weather light
gales from Southward and westward
Being on cruising ground we have taken
in sail to night - top jib and spanker
and double reefed top sails Lat 36° 16'
Long 18° 15'

Nov 25

High winds cloudy cool and some
rain. Made no sail on our craft saw
2 sails appear to be whalers but some
5 miles off. Lat 35° 53' Long 18° 26'

Nov 26

Light airs from S. W. Sky clear
and sea going down. Spoke one of the
2 sails saw yesterday proved to be the
Bark, Bevis Capt. McFarlin of New
Bedford. The other is reported to be
the Ship Congress Capt. Kendall of same
port. They each saw and took a whale
yesterday but a serious loss is connected
with the former four of her men have gone
to their long homes. This is the fate of