

To day we have done a good days work
 lowered and struck a whale with-
 out any trouble at all - The waist boat
 took him alongside and at 9 A.M.
 finished cutting in having good weather
 not much more than half the labor is
 necessary in cutting and very little anxiety
 or fear of accidents. Again is "the winter
 of our discontent made glorious" by this little
 touch of good fortune though to a S. H. whaler
 't would be but a "drop in the bucket"

Jan 5.

No change in wind and weather
 Last night commenced trying out and
 the works to night are going nicely
 with a "good heat on" lowered 3 or 4 whales
 but could not get one Lat $36^{\circ}28'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}06'$

Jan. 6.

Whales seen to be quite plenty but
 wild. Saw them again. Could not get
 near them with the most skillful
 management. We are not done with
 our last one yet if we can get another
 when we have done this we of course
 will not complain. To night it is grow-
 rugged and as a reward for our good weather
 we may safely reckon on a gale in this
 part of the ocean. Here if any where they
 are frequent. No obs.

Jan 7. 1854

Wind steadily increasing and seas
 prodigious. To day we have finished
 trying and set fore top sail double reefed
 the Main being already set under this
 with fore sail jib fore top mast staysail
 and shence she lays much easier
 Lat $36^{\circ}18'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}09'$

Jan 8.

Last night wind came into
 the S. S. th. and considerably abated
 also sea going down. and to night quite
 good weather again though cloudy.
 Lat $36^{\circ}24'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}00'$

Jan 9.

Quite fine. Wind light from S. E.
 Stowed down 72 bbls the quantity yielded
 from our last whale. Have got whole
 topstails on again heading to northward
 and eastward Lat $36^{\circ}40'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}23'$

Jan 10

Fair. Cleared away and stowed
 down our bone. Caught a porpoise
 and did several other things not mention-
 herein Lat. $36^{\circ}06'$ Lon. $9^{\circ}40'$

Jan 11

Wind and weather unchangeable. Saw
 whales lowered twice without success Lat $36^{\circ}16'$
 Lon $9^{\circ}51'$