

Oct 4th 1855

Good weather has come at last finished boiling just at sunset. Have a good string of casks on deck. This is like whaling and if it would only continue a few weeks we might think about going home with something of a voyage. Set S. T. sail and jib and are getting into green water having been blown off while taking care of the last whale. Lat. 18° 00' Lon. 20° 00'

Oct 5.

Continued fine. To day stowed down 104 bbls. which added to the other makes 165 from the 3 whales. The wind very light from N. Lat. 17° 40' Lon. 19° 46'

Oct 6

To day without change. Been very busy clearing away uth from jaws washing off &c. Now ready for another whale. Lat. 18° 11' Lon. 18° 54'

Oct 7, Sunday

A pleasant Sabbath and well appreciated as a day of rest. A good breeze from the eastward. Don't know but we may cruise about here a few days having been encouraged by the good fortune we have late met with. The water seems to be all alive with fish. Now where have we seen them so plenty. Flying fish are almost

Continually coming on deck. Lat. 18° 18' Lon. 18° 00'

Oct 8.

Gentle E. N. E. winds. Saw nothing but small fish. Boys busy making bone canes and some of them look at though they needed to be marked to show what they were intended for. To night the catch the first of any account we have had and such another rush as there was - put me in mind of a ticket office just before the train leaves. Lat. 18° 21' Lon. 18° 50'

Oct 9.

Trades strong from N. E. and an ugly sea on. Saw a Bark to windward this afternoon running down passed in our wake not far astern. Lots of flying fish come on deck to night. Darting out of the water to escape the larger fish they often fly so high as to strike our courses when they fall to the deck stunned. Although they are small they are excellent eating and the instant one touches the deck it is grabbed by some of us and sometimes there is quite a tussle to see who is the best entitled to the fish. The object is more for sport than anything else. This afternoon set up the rigging on L. side. To night have taken in considerable sail growing rough. Lat. 18° 47' Lon. 20° 05'.