

Ship Isaac Howland

Monday
December 4th

Strong breezes and heavy
with a rough tumbling sea
saw finbacks fitted a new
set of Mizzen top Gallant
jibboom shrouds and got them
up & rigged Jacob ladders
to the Fore & Mizzen top gallant
masts at Meridian Reading
S. S. E.

Lat by Obs 6° 23' N

Tuesday
December 5th

Strong trades and clear morning
to windward under easy
sail at 7 A.M. raised a
school of sperm whales
going quick to windward
looked for them, did not fasten
so ends this day



Lat 5° 40' South

Wednesday
December 6th

Spoke Ship Mercury 4 P.M.
Glasgow master 5 P.M. this
out 240 lbs. A.M. steered
away to the NW light winds
and clear saw finbacks

Lat by Obs 5° 37' S

Cruising on the off shore ground 1837

Thursday
Dec 7th
1837

Begins with light trades
and clear weather the Mer-
cury in sight steering off
to the north.
Later part fresh trades ex-
pects this day

Friday
Dec 8th
of Dec.

Saw finbacks standing
in the wind and looking
the ship as requisites.

Lat 5° 11' N
Long 103° West

Saturday
Dec 9th

Pull the crew alive with
sperm whales coasts
the 9 of Dec. lowered all the boats
Lashed waste & Boco
boats fastened L.B. & M.B.
got loose from their whales

Onboard Boat badly stove by a loose
whale L.B. 2 or 3 staves split at 3 took
1 whale along side and cut him in
and began to boil at 10 A.M. finished
boiling fine weather and smooth.

W. H. B. R. Form



B. B. 254

Lat by Obs 5° 47' S

Dec 10th
1837

Clear trades and
clear cruising in 5 South
nothing in sight
caught a Porpoise

Lat by Obs 5° 12' N

Long 103° 00' West