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Bark James Mearns Log Book

Thurs Dec 1st

Begins with rain and fresh winds from the N.W. Ship on the Eastern Tack under Double Reef Sails Middle part Calm Latter part the same stowed down the oil

Lat 44.47 S
Long 125.18 W

Fry Dec 2nd

Begins with light breeze from the Eastward Ship standing to N.W. under all sail Middle part thick fog ship under Double Reef Sails Latter part Calm saw a Sperm Whale going S.W. chased away the Boats and chased him no success no wind



Sat Dec 3rd

Begins with fog and fresh winds at 6 P.M. saw two Sperm Whales close to the ship in the fog chased away the Boats Starboard Boat and the Waist Boat struck and got both Whales spouting Blood Starboard Boats Iron stop drawn over the Iron and lost the Whale in the fog Whale spouting thick Blood Waist Boats Whale turned up and took him along side Waist Boat got stove

Sund Dec 4th

Begins the same got the whale along side and began to cut the whale at 7 P.M. got the head off and took in board Middle part clear Latter part the same at day light called all hands and hove in the head and started the works

Lat 44.30 S
Long 124.40 W

John W. Smith Master

Mon Dec 5th

Begins with Moderate Gale and fog Ship under short Sail Belling Middle and Latter parts the same Lat 44.38 S

Tues Dec 6th

Begins with strong winds from the Northward Ship working to windward under short sail Watch employed in Belling Middle and Latter parts the same

Wed Dec 7th

Begins the same at 11 P.M. got through Belling Middle part the same Latter part light winds and pleasant at day light called all hands stowed down

Thurs Dec 8th

Begins the same all hands stowing down Middle part Calm saw Blue Fish chased away two Boats and got two fish and brought them on board got through stowing down

Fry Dec 9th

Begins the same Ship cruising on the same ground Watch employed in setting up Oil Shakes Middle and Latter parts the same