

1871

Bark James Mearns Log Book

Sat March 10th

Begins with fresh winds from N.W. Ship steering S by E at 8⁰⁰ AM saw sperm Whales chased away the Boats and chased them to windward at 12⁰⁰ PM Warst Boat struck at 1⁰⁰ PM took the Whale along side

Load 4⁰⁰ 06⁰⁰ S

Long 174⁰⁰ 10⁰⁰ W.

Sat March 11th

Begins with good weather all hand employed in getting ready to cut the Whale at 2⁰⁰ PM hooked on and began to cut at dark got the Head off at 10⁰⁰ PM got the Body cut in and set the watches Middle part good weather at day light called all hands and hooked on to the Head at 8⁰⁰ AM had the Case in Deck and Bailed it at 11¹⁵ AM got the Case Bailed and started the works

Sund March 12th

Begins with good weather all hands employed in Bailing and clearing away junk at 6⁰⁰ PM set the Watches Middle part good weather ship under short Sail

Mon March 13th

Begins the same Water employed in Bailing Ship under Double Reef Topails Middle and Latter parts the same

John V Smiths Marster

Tues March 14th

Begins with fresh winds from the Northward Ship under short Sail Bailing Middle part the same Latter part the same at 6⁰⁰ PM got through Bailing

Wedns March 15th

Begins with good weather at day light called all hands and began to stow down the Oil Middle and Latter parts the same at dark got through stowing down and set the Watches

Thurs March 16th

Begins with strong winds from N.E. and cloudy through the day Brake out Water and washed off Decks Ship working to Eastward

Fry March 17th

Begins the same Ship working the same Water employed in setting up Hooks for Oil Middle and Latter parts the same

Sat March 18th

Begins with good weather Ship cruising in the same ground under all sail Middle and Latter parts the same