

Journal of a Whaling voyage on board Ship Jasper

Remarks on board Saturday November the 16th

Commences with fresh trades heading S and S by W
At 4 P.M. saw the Island of Trinidad bearing S by W
distance 45 mile at 4 P.M. Long by Chron 29.55 W
Wich is 46 mile to far W at 12 midnight the S point
Bore & distance 5 mile at 8 M bore N by E
Distance 30 mile

Lat 21.44 S Long 27.23 W

Remarks on board Sunday November the 17

Commences with moderate trades heading S by E
Middle and latter heading from S to S E saw 1 Sail
Lat 22.01 S Long 28.24 W

Remarks on board Monday November the 18

Commences with fresh trades heading S E & Sail
In sight middle and latter part fresh breezes from
N W & saw an English Frigate heading to the S E
Lat 25.31 S Long 26.21 W

Remarks on board Tuesday November the 19

Commences with moderate breezes from N W & E
Steering S E saw 2 Ships heading E S E middle
And latter part the same set up the fore rigging
Lat 27.07 S Long 23.56 W

Remarks on board Wednesday November the 20

Commences with strong breezes from N steering S E
With cloudy weather middle part squally took in all
Light sails and single reefed the Topsails the wind
Shifted to S S W latter part made all sail
Lat 28.24 S Long 21.14 W

Remarks on board Thursday November the 21

Commences with strong breezes from S S W heading
S E with a heavy swell middle part took in the
J G sails and reefed the fore and main Topsails
Lat 29.41 S Long 18.49 W

From Fairhaven towards Newzealand Howland Seavitt

Remarks on board Friday November the 22

Commences with strong winds from S heading E S E
Middle and latter part light winds and pleasant
Weather made all sail employed painting Boats
Lat 30.15 S Long 16.22 W

Remarks on board Saturday November the 23

Commences with light breezes from S heading E S E
With a heavy swell from S W at 1 P.M. took to the
S W employed painting boats and mending M J G sail
Lat 30.33 S Long 16.55 W

Remarks on board Sunday November the 24

Commences with light breezes from S E heading
S S W saw 2 Sail employed mending main J G sail
Middle and latter part heading S 3 Sail in sight
Lat 31.56 S Long 15.41 W

Remarks on board Monday November the 25

Commences with light breezes from S E & heading S
With 3 Sail in sight heading the same Course middle
And latter part strong winds from N W & steering S
Set the fore J M studing and main J G studing sails
Lat 34.43 S Long 14.49 W

Remarks on board Tuesday November the 26

Commences with strong winds from N W steering S E
Sent down the main Royal yard and main J G S booms
At 7 P.M. saw the Island of Tristan D Acunha bearing
S E distance 40 mile at 10 P.M. saw Eight Whales lower
And lorted but did not fasten 3 Islands in sight
at 12 M the N point bore E S E
Distance 14 Mile steering E to the
S W side Lat 37.02 S