

Journal of a Whaling voyage on board Ship *Taspen*

Remarks on board Wednesday November the 27th

Commences with strong winds from all quarters bear
Under the land between Tristan and Nightingale Islands
At dark took in sail the first time middle and latter part
Strong gales from N^o N^o E heading E saw one sail very rugged
Lat 34.30 Long 11.08 W

Remarks on board Thursday November the 28th
Commences with strong gales from N^o N^o E heading E
Lying too raining latter part more moderate made
Chil the wind at N^o with thick weather heading
E N^o E

Lat 34.04 S Long 08.58 W

Remarks on board Friday November the 29th

Commences with fresh breezes from N heading E N^o E
Made all sail nothing in sight at 9 P.M. the wind
Shifted to W at day light made all sail with thick
Cloudy weather at 6 steered of E at noon blowing strong
Lat 35.54 S Long 7.20 W

Remarks on board Saturday November the 30th
Commences with strong gales from W S W steering
E by S under double reefed Topsails Mizzen Topsail
Furled latter part made all sail steering E S E saw
A Hermaphrodite Brig steering E made all sail
Lat 35.39 S Long 3.23 W

Remarks on board Sunday December the 1st 1839

Commences with strong breezes from S heading E S E
With a heavy swell from S S W middle part squally
Took in fore and misen J G S latter part light breezes
From E heading S S E made all sail at noon calm
Lat 35.41 S Long 00.44 W

Remarks on board Monday December the 2nd
Commences with calms and a heavy swell from S W
Middle part light breezes from N^o E steering S S E
Latter part strong winds and cloudy weather
Lat 36.48 S Long 01.07 E

Now on the East Cape Ground Howland Seal Seavitt

Remarks on board Tuesday November the 3rd

Commences with strong breezes from N^o E steering S E at 2
P.M. saw Whales lowered without success at 4 lowered
And again at 5 and darted but did not fasten at
Sun set took all sail midnight wore to the N^o W
Latter part made all sail steering S E with light rain
Lat by the 34.42 S Long 2.17 E

Remarks on board Wednesday November the 4th
Commences with moderate breezes from N^o E steering
S E set the fore J M studsail middle part rain
Latter part wind W saw 2 Chil bound E set G S sail
Lat 38.25 S Long 5.17 E

Remarks on board Thursday November the 5th

Commences with moderate breezes from W steering
E S 2 Ships in sight saw Glumpbacks middle and
Latter part the same the watch employed mending
The main sail and other duty
Lat 38.26 S Long 8.34 E

Remarks on board Friday December the 6th
Commences with moderate breezes from S W steering
S E by E at 3 P.M. finished the main sail and bent it
And a New F J M. stay sail middle and latter part
The same employed setting up the misen rigging
Lat 38.36 S Long 11.12 E

Remarks on board Saturday December the 7th

Commences with moderate breezes from S S W steering
S E by E unbent the fore J sail and bent another all
Hands employed mending the old one latter part strong
Winds the watch employed mending the top sail
Lat 38.48 S Long 14.36 E

Remarks on board Sunday December the 8th
Commences with strong winds from S W by W steering
S E employed mending and finished the top sail
Middle part pleasant latter part a very heavy cross swell
Steering E S E rolling like fury light of the Cape
Lat 39.38 S Long 18.08 E