

Friday November 29th

Rainy. wind moderate from N.W. course S.E. by S. Hauled aboard the main yard at 12 o'clock last night and laid until 5 this A.M. This forenoon broke out log, also unlent the studding sails and stowed them in a cask. 2 P.M. passed Make and Peakin Islands of the Seychelle Group. unlent the royals and stowed them away. Saw a steamer bound to Make.

Lat 3°41' S Long 55°25' E

Saturday Nov 30th

Rainy. wind variable, steering full and by. Visited Bird Island this forenoon. Have been cruising all day. Shortened sail this evening.

Lat 3°40' S Long 55°32' E

Sunday December 1st

Rainy all last night, but fair today, wind from S.W. cruising off Bird Island. Saw porpoises, and a finback. Lured this evening for a swordfish would have got him, if it had been daylight a few minutes longer.

Lat 3°30' S Long 55°43' E

Monday December 2nd

Fair, wind light from S.W. steering full and by. Had a squall of rain this forenoon. North Island in sight this evening.

Lat 3°00' S Long 55°50'

Tuesday Dec 3rd

Fair, wind light from S.W. steering full and by. Dennis Id. in sight this forenoon.

Wednesday Dec 4th

Squally, wind strong from S.W. steering full and by. Broke out flour and pickled onions. Bird Id. in sight at 4 P.M. Saw finbacks and porpoises.

Thursday December 5th

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Squally, wind strong from S.W. At 8 A.M. went ashore to Bird Id. gunning, also got some greens and bird eggs and got aboard at 12.30 A.M.

At 4.30 P.M. John Francis caught a school of sperm whales going to the leeward. Landed and lashed boat got one, and Starboard got store. Commenced to cut this evening. Bird Island bore S.W. 6 miles, when whales were raised.

Friday Dec 6th

Fair, wind light from S.W. Engaged at boiling and cutting blubber.

Saturday Dec 7th

Squally, wind strong from S.W. finished boiling out whale, cleaned up decks, and repaired starboard boat.

Sunday Dec 8th

Fair, wind strong from S.W. steering full and by. Bird Island in sight all day. Saw porpoises.

Monday Dec 9th

Squally and hoisted strong from S.W. steering full and by. Peakin, Dennis and Bird Islands in sight.

Tuesday Dec 10th

Cloudy, wind moderate from S.W. Dennis and Bird Islands in sight. Engaged at breaking out underneath blubber and stowing down our oil.

Wednesday Dec 11th

Squally, wind moderate from S.W. Unlent the sprakes, milled it and bent it again, also unlent upper maintopgallant and royal mizen topmast and topgallant staysails and stowed them away in a cask. Dennis and Bird Islands in sight.