

Barque John Dawson Capt A. S. Wicks

Saturday April 17th

Fair wind strong from S.E. Commenced cutting the whale at 6 A.M. finished 7.30 A.M. Cut him in large pieces and marked clocks. Started the work at 11 A.M.

Lat 14.53 S Long 54.31 E.

Sunday April 18th

Fair wind strong from S.E. engaged in heaving beach casks, shovels for oil, also lifting blubber. Under double reefed topsails. Very rugged to day.

Lat 15.12 S Long 54.16 E.

Monday April 19th

Fair wind strong from S.E. Hauling full and by. Finished lifting last night the whole strand up to 4 P.M. Saw new Spenser's birds, Very rugged.

Lat 15.10 S Long 54.11 E.

Tuesday April 20th

Equally with rain, Wind strong from S.E. and fresh, strong full and by under double reef. Topsails, Engaged in staving down oil, in afternoon, under double reef, following casks 162 + 193 115 and oil 121. about 1 P.M.

Lat 15.30 S Long 53.30 E.

Wednesday April 21st

Fair wind light from S.E. strong full and by. Engaged in staving down oil in main hold. On port side, it makes a fine blue, she is full now to the forward part of the blubber room, both sides stowed down about.

Lat 15.22 S Long 53.43 E.

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Thursday April 22nd

Fair wind moderate from S.E. Engaged this morning heaving out beach and spreading it out to dry 11 A.M. Mr Charles P. Smith raised a school of sperm whales, on the lee bow, came fast back at the time, going to the N.E. Landed at 1.30 P.M. and then the beach boat struck at 2 P.M. killed him with confidence and pinned up instantly. Got him along side at 3 P.M. and went after him and started the boat struck 4.30 P.M. got him along side at 6 o'clock. Commenced cutting this evening, I went in the boat to dry.

Lat 15.03 S Long 54.31 E.

Friday April 23rd

Fair wind light from S. Cut in our whale last night cleared away the beach cut up the blubber this morning, cut in the other whale this forenoon and started the dry works this morning.

Lat 14.42 S Long 53.54 E.

Lat 14.30 S Saturday April 24th Long 54.51 E.

Fair wind light from S. Engaged in heaving out casks and after heaving and setting up shovels, also lifting blubber. 7 A.M. Antone Bond raised a school of sperm whales, on the lee bow. At 8.30 landed, landed and raised boats, landed struck and got him along side at 11 A.M. and cut him this afternoon.

Lat 14.30 S Long 54.51 E.