

H. A. Stuart Command

Indian Ocean & N. Hollan for Sperm Whales

Monday 23-1839

first part strong gales & hard squalls
Attended with rain under very short sail
Most part of the time at 9 wind shifted to
W. N. W. more moderate set & reefed 3 sails at 11
under double reefs fair weather later quite
moderate weather good at high sea from
W. N. W. watch employed in ships duty
Barometer first part 29.7-10th
later 29.9-10 Latitude 31-27 N

Variation 14° E

Long at 2 P.M. 26-12

Tuesday 24 All these 24 hours light winds from W. N. W.
to S. W. & fine weather all sail set to best
advantage Employed in ships duty saw
great quantities of gulfweed at high swell
from W. N. W. which I allow 12 miles
Barometer 30° to 30.8 1-10 Latitude 30-16

Variation 14° E

Long at 2 P.M. 25-01

Wednesday 25

All these 24 hours light S. W. winds & fine
weather steering by the wind All sail set
at 4 P.M. saw at sail of weather guage steering
to N. & E. so Ends saw nothing in the shape
watch Employed in ships duty all hands well
Latitude 29-07

Thursday 26

Long at 2 23-38

All these 24 hours fine breezes from W. N. W.
to S. W. first part at sail of sea beam
standing to S. & E. later saw another of weather
beam standing to the west at 9 P.M. tacked to
N. & W. at 1 P.M. tacked to S. E. so Ends all
sail set steering by the wind

Barometer stands all these 24 hours 30.4 to 10

Latitude 28-00

Friday 27

Long 22-32

All these 24 hours light winds from S. W.
to W. N. W. with passing clouds at 4 P.M. saw
at shoal of blackfish lowered all 3 boats
& saw them no more later saw at surface of
whale

Latitude 26-57

Barometer 30.4-10

Long at 2 P.M. 21-02

Variation 14° E