

On Board Barque Lexington

Thursday November the 16th 1843 ¹⁸⁴³
 fresh winds from SE and fine weather
 to the South under all sail at 4 P.M. saw a
 shoal of sperm whales and they went off to windward
 Middle part the same Latter part strong winds
 and Clear under all sail thus ends the 16th

Friday 17th strong winds and fine weather
 Middle and Latter part the same all hands
 cutting Potatoes thus ends

Saturday the 18th fresh winds and fine
 steering to the South under all sail Middle
 and Latter part the weather much the same
 and employed in setting up Rigging
 this day at day light missed another of our
 number a boat by the name of James Byrman
 who as we supposed went over the side in the night
 and fell over board and not knowing how to swim
 sunk to the bottom and so he has gone to his
 long home - Making the 3rd that has been
 taken from our crew in an instant as one may
 see since we sailed from home and all at the
 time in perfect health & buoyant hopes of many
 days to come - but such is the life of man - he is
 born and lives a few fleeting years and then is taken
 away and is forgotten by his fellow man - as it were
 day for the ship's work goes on with the same
 carelessness and indifference as though nothing had
 occurred more than a common - oh through life
 and old age man what will make you think
 of the past the present and the future and
 live as though you would ^{never} live always

Barque Lexington Bound South

Sunday the 19th of Nov ¹⁸⁴³ moderate winds from
 the East and fine saw two backs - Middle and
 Latter part the weather much the same
 Lat 05-04 S

Monday the 20th the same as yesterday and
 at work on the Rigging

Tuesday the 21st light winds and fine under
 all sail steering to the S and W - Middle
 part calm - Latter part light air and
 calm employed in the Rigging thus ends

Wednesday the 22nd light winds and fine
 weather under all sail steering to the S & W
 Middle part light squalls of rain Latter
 part fine employed on the Rigging thus ends
 Lat 08-53

Thursday the 23rd light air and cloudy
 steering to the South under all sail

Friday the 24th light air and calm and
 cloudy weather Middle part light air and
 pleasant weather and at work on the Rigging

Saturday the 25th light easterly winds and
 fine weather steering to the S and W under all
 sail and at work cleaning up Lat 10-20 S

Sunday the 26th light light winds from the
 E & W and pleasant weather under all sail
 Lat 10-55 S

Monday the 27th commences with light winds from
 SE and fine under all sail - Middle part thick
 rainy weather with showers and lightning
 Latter part strong winds and of course under all sail
 at 7 PM saw Nassau Island bearing N by E
 20 miles thus ends Lat 12-20 S