

A Journal of the Ship Margaret of St. John N.B.

Friday November 30th

This Day begins with strong winds from N.E. and pleasant weather. At 7 A.M. finished stowing down & took in sail for the night. Latter parts rained and weather much the same as the first. At 7 P.M. set double reefed Top Sails. One sail in sight. So ends Long by Chron: 9.33 M. L.H. Ob. 38.25 S.

Saturday December 1st

Barrel of
G. beer?

This Day begins with strong Gale from N.E. and thick rugged weather. Saw a number of white whales. At 7 A.M. took in sail for the night. Latter parts strong Gale and thick rainy weather. At 11 A.M. cleared up, made sail and steered to the Northward & Eastward Nothing in sight. So ends L.H. Ob. 38.49 S.

Sunday December 2^d

This Day begins with light winds from N.W. and pleasant weather. At 7 A.M. took in sail for the night. Latter parts calm and pleasant weather. Nothing in sight. So ends the Day Long by Chron: 8.11 M. L.H. Ob. 38.29 S.

Monday December 3^d

Barrel of
Beef & Pork

This Day begins with light winds from N.E. and pleasant weather. At 1 A.M. made all sail. At 7 A.M. took in sail for the night. Latter parts strong winds from N.W. and pleasant weather. At 9 A.M. spoke Ship Acosta of St. John's 1900 lbs. Oil. 16 months out, saw 9 carcasses. Three sail in sight. One of them steering East with all sail set. So ends the Day Long by Chron: 6.35 M. L.H. Ob. 37.33 S.

On a Whaling Cruise to the Cape of Good Hope 1839.

Tuesday December 4th

This Day begins with strong winds from N.W. and pleasant weather. At 5 A.M. ran with whales. Lowered for them in company with the Acosta. The Acosta went struck one and danced from him. At 7 A.M. took in sail for the night. Latter parts light winds from S.W. and pleasant weather. a number of whale in sight. Lowered twice. & got nothing. Saw the Ship Acosta take a whale. five sail in sight. two a cutting in one a boiling. So ends the day L.H. Ob. 36.38 S.

Wednesday December 5th

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This Day begins with light winds from S.W. and pleasant weather. At 5 A.M. raised. Lowered for them the Seward's quarter boat struck one, and killed her at 9 A.M. took her to the Ship and got the Seward's rope on & took in sail for the night a plenty of whale in sight. Latter parts calm and pleasant. At 4 A.M. began to cut. At 8 finished cutting and made sail. At 10 A.M. lowered for whales got nothing. At 11 A.M. spoke Ship. Captain of Say Harlow 1000 lbs. Oil. 5 sail in sight all a boiling. So ends Long by Chron: 8.35 M. L.H. Ob. 36.10 S.

Thursday December 6th

This Day begins with light winds from East. and pleasant weather. At 7 A.M. took in sail for the night employed in boiling. Latter parts much the same as the first. At 5 A.M. made all sail. At 6 lowered for whale. could not strike. At 9 A.M. under a double reefed N.E. S. three sail in sight. So ends. No Ob.