Remarks on board the Bark Marion

Monday May 12. 1856

These 24 hours begins with light breeze from the South with cloudy weather ship steering East at day light squally and rainy with thunder & lightning at 2 P M clewed up the light sails Middle part at 6½ A M wind all said at 8 A M blew weather at 2 P M saw the island Fernando Po ahead distant about 20 miles latter part at 4½ P M saw black fish lowered & caught five Lat 4 2 West 42 Lon 3 1° at 6½ P M hoist them in took up the 2 quarter boat the Mate drove again & drove at 7½ P M came along side & hoisted the boat up and steered off E by South Wind from the West at 8 P M watch commenced clearing away and the same Lat by Obs 2 43

Long by Chro 6 47

Tuesday May 13th

These 24 hour begins light breeze from the S & W with fine weather steering E by S at 3 A M steered E & E with topsail main top gallant sail & fore course set watch employed cleaning away stack fish blubber at 4 A M commenced boiling at daylight made all sail & steered E by South with the island of Fernando de po ahead distant about 25 or at 8 A M rainy with middle part at 10 A M fine weather steering along the S W side of the island ship the main down at 12 P M finished boiling latter part light & squally with rain [illegible] at 1½ P M [illegible]

of New Bedford Alfred C Davis Master 1856

Wednesday May 14th 1856

These 24 hours begins with calms with fine weather ship laying off & on off the S West side of the island Middle part light airs and calms ship heading along with the land at 2½ P M came at anchor off the town of Clarence on the N W side of Fernando de po hoisted in water all hands employed in mending sail side of the ship & breaking out in the main hatch way for water casks & water at 3½ the Capt went on board of a ship Sarah of London latter part all employed in heading casks at 6½ P M the Capt came on board so ends this day

Thursday May 15th

These 24 hours begins with fine weather and calms at day light all hands employed in repairing casks Middle part one watch cleared off the water the other watch employed in painting ship at 1½ P M the Capt came along side all hands employed in stowing down in the main hatch way latter part squally with thunder & lightning

Friday May 16th

These 24 begins strong breezes from the Westward with squally & rainy weather accompanied by thunder and lightning Middle wind & weather much the same all employed in getting of water and stowing it down & stowing down Blackfish at 3 P M finished latter part rainy