

Ship Martha's Log Book on a Whaling Voyage
Remarks on board Tuesday 20th Sept. 1836.

These whalers commenced with fresh breezes from the Westward and passing, clouds arising, S.E. & by E. in Camp. Middle part squally, took in Stuttering sail & top gale in sails latter part fair weather wind from the West with a heavy swell from the same steering S.E. & by E. 103 Long 37° 48' S.

78 Days out 119, 20 E.

Remarks on Wednesday 21st Sept. 1836

Fine breezes from the N.W. steering S.E. & by E. a strong in light with landward breeze. Steered to the East. Middle part calm. at 10 A.M. a light air from the N.W. steering S.E. & by E. saw a number of Finback Whales so ends with moderate weather

Obs. Lat. 37° 26' S. 113, 16 E.

78 Days out - M.W.

Remarks on Thursday 22nd Sept. 1836

Moderate breezes from the N.W. and fair weather steering S.E. & by E. in light. Middle and latter part strong light breeze from the North saw a number of Finback so ends with light air and fair weather steering S.E. & by E.

Obs. Lat. 37° 26' S. Long by Chron. 117° 35' E.

78 Days out.

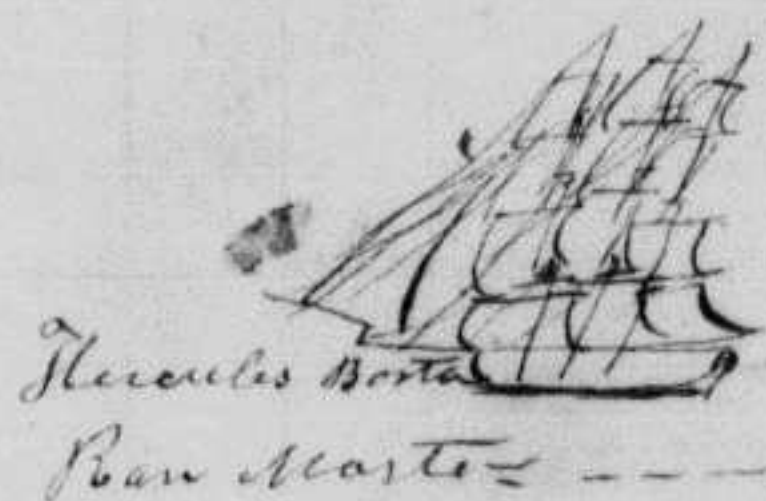
Remarks on Friday 23rd Sept. 1836

Commenced with moderate breezes from the N.W. and fair weather steering S.E. & by E. a number of Finback Whales in sight. Middle and latter part strong light breeze and fair weather so ends with light air. Two Ships in sight bound to the Eastward.

Lat. Obs. 37° 38' S. Long by Chron. 119° 05' E.

79 Days out

In The Indian Ocean, Charles Fisher, Master, 1836.
Remarks on board Saturday 24th Sept. 1836



Charles Fisher
Ben Master

Commenced with light airs from the North, and fair weather steering S.E. & by E. two Ships in sight bound to the Eastward saw a number of Finback. at 1 P.M. spoke Ship Forecasts of 8 from Boston for Calcutta 31 Days out - Rearranging a cable and cured a way fore topmast - Four days previous then bound for Calcutta, 32 Days out. Much and latter part light breeze at 4 P.M. spoke Ship Planet from Liverpool for Calcutta so ends these 24 hours with moderate breeze from the N.W. and fair weather steering S.E. & by E. 37° 48' Long 113° 16' E.

80 Days out

Remarks on board Sunday 25th Sept. 1836

Learned with moderate breezes from the N.W. and cloudy at 3 P.M. the wind hauled to the South. With and latter part moderate breeze from the South. 3 Ships with wind from the South & raising of the wind to the S.E. so ends this day.

81 Days out

37, 00 24, 19 E

Remarks on board Monday 26th Sept. 1836

Fresh breezes from the South & raising of the wind to the S.E. Middle and latter part moderate breeze from the South. 3 Ships with wind from the South & raising of the wind to the S.E. so ends this day.

Lat. Obs. 37° 25' S. Long by Chron. 117° 35' E.

82 Days out

Remarks on board Tuesday 27th Sept. 1836

Fair weather wind East by the wind to the South at 3 P.M. Raised two Ships a head standing to the South by the wind. Middle part moderate breeze from the North. at 4 P.M. wind hauled to the S.W. and began to blow a latter part fresh breeze & double reefed top sails so ends steering S.E. & by E. a Ship off London bound steering to the East.

Obs. Lat. 37° 05' S. Long 119° 05' E.

Saw a large School of Black Porpoise

83 Days out