

Ship Martha's Log Book On A Whaling Voyage. In

Remarks on Thursday 26th Oct 1836.

Came with fresh breezes from the N.W. thick squally at 2 P.M. looked on and cut in the whole at 4 P.M. the whole a going, middle part strong from the South and joining at 4 P.M. the wind holed to the South and blew on heavy, fresh the fore sail latter part rather more moderate at 8 P.M. lowered for a whale with no success at 10 P.M. lowered for two Whales with our success so ends with fresh gales from the N.W. employed Boiling. No ships in sight - Obs Lat 35° 41' S. 60° 26' E

Remarks on Friday 27th Oct 1836.

fresh gales from the N.W. at 8 P.M. lowered pushed to a Whale but his spouting Blood when he took the line and went off to down ward at 10 P.M. More Ship to the S.W. latter part fresh breezes from the N.W. and a heavy swell employed as to down oil in morn. hatch saw 2 small but no sight Whales but men took off deers. Obs Lat 35° 25' Long 61° 17' E

Remarks on Saturday 28th Oct.

Moderate breezes from the N.W. by the wind to the West at 4 P.M. had the oil all blown Middle and latter part strong Winds from the N.W. and a rough at 8 P.M. lowered for two small Whales. Saw a number of small Whales and chased them but being rough they could not be taken. Obs Lat 35° 05' Long 60° 30' E

Remarks on Sunday 29th October 1836.

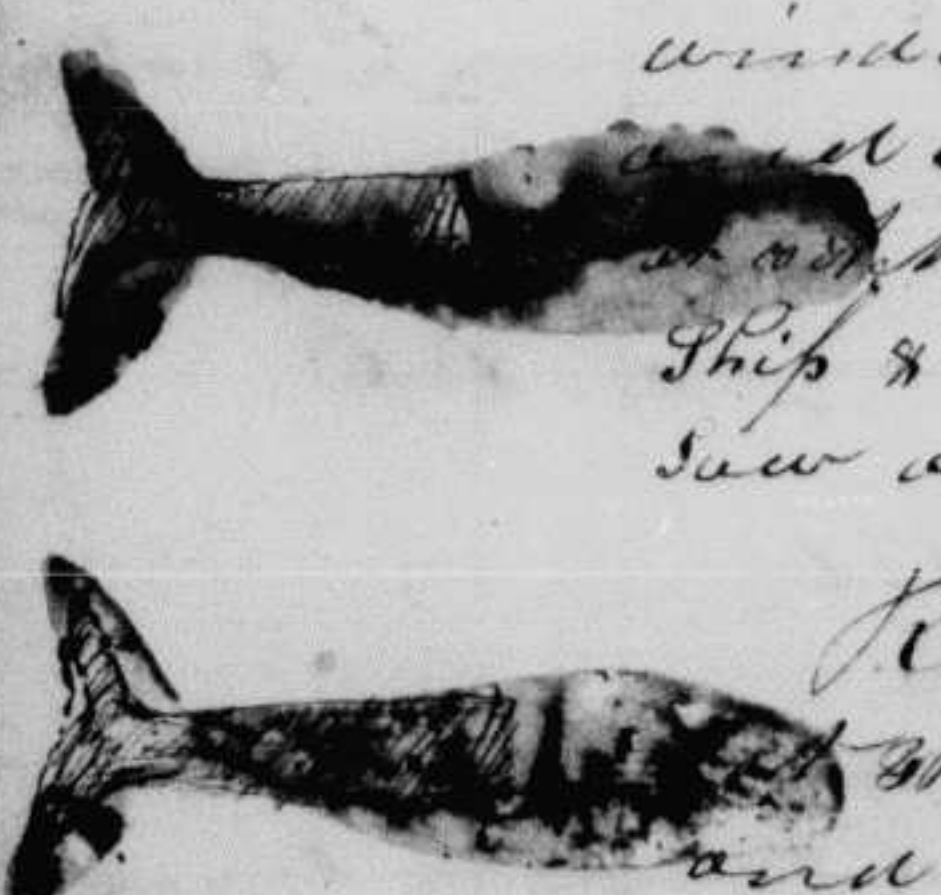
Came with fresh winds from the N.W. working to windward employed sweeping from 4 P.M. lowered and chased Whales until sundown with no success at 8 P.M. lowered for two Whales at 10 P.M. took one of them to the Ship & carried cutting so ends with wind from the N.W. saw a number of Whales all small Obs Lat 35° 35' Long 60° 54' E

Remarks on Monday 30th Oct 1836

at 4 P.M. had the Whale cut in at 4 P.M. lowered and at 7 P.M. took a Whale to the Ship & at 8 P.M. took another at 9 P.M. hooked on and at 7 P.M. took the whole cut in and a sail so ends with fresh breezes from the North by the wind to the Westward employed Boiling and saw many Ors Obs Lat 35° 42' Long 61° 23' E

Remarks on Tuesday 31st Oct 1836

fresh breezes from the North by the wind to the West fresh breezes through the night at 6 P.M. looked to the N.E. at 7 P.M. run off for a small Whale took him a long sail found him to be the same that our line and the rest saved the line and carried cutting, but found there was no oil for him told him to go so ends with fresh breezes from the North working to windward saw a number of Whales going South to windward so ends employed Boiling &c. Obs Lat 35° 51' Long 60° 39' E Monday, Oct 26



The Indian Ocean Charles Fisher master, 1836.

Remarks on Wednesday 27th Oct 1836.

Commenced with fresh breezes from the North employed Boiling and working to windward at 4 P.M. the wind holed to the Westward latter part rising at 12 Meridian fresh breeze Boiling so ends with fresh gales from the South thick & rainy rough bad weather saw two Whales. Obs Lat 35° 40' S. 60° 41' E

Remarks on Thursday 27th Oct 1836.

Came with strong gales from the N.W. at 2 P.M. hauled up the fore sail & lay head to the Westward & drifted to the Northward. Middle and latter part more moderate at day light made sail at 7 P.M. carried standing down oil in main hatch at 9 P.M. lowered in Boat for a Whale & carried further at 11 P.M. lowered again without success so ends with Wind from the N.W. one ship in sight Obs Lat 35° 28' Long 61° 00' E

Remarks on Friday 28th Oct 1836.

Came with fresh breezes from the N.W. and a heavy swell from the Westward at 2 P.M. at 10 P.M. all down lowered from that till sundown there being for a Whale with no success. Middle and latter part strong gales from the N.W. on difficult tasks employed sweeping, hauled &c. at 10 P.M. saw a Whale a going, quick to windward did not lower for him so ends with light air & the wind to the N.W. so ends with strong gales from the N.W. and rough. Obs Lat 35° 27' S. 61° 20' E

Remarks on Saturday 29th Oct 1836.

These 24 hours commenced with strong gales from the N.W. & rough weather by the wind to the Westward & the wind in the double reefed topsails got a boat down main over head & carried repairing him. Middle and latter part rough light air fresh from the N.W. and laid weather freshened repairing, the boat at 11 P.M. saw a Whale a going, quick to windward did not lower for him so ends with light air & the wind to the N.W. so ends with strong gales from the N.W. and rough. Obs Lat 35° 52' Long 61° 23' E

Remarks on Sunday 30th Oct 1836.

Came with rough light air from the N.W. to N.E. and fair weather on difficult tasks by the wind at sundown took in top gale sails & steered S.E. under easy sail at 12 Mid night double reefed topsails & steered S.E. at sunrise saw a Whale & carried & fastened to him with him spouting Blood when the Store Lardered Boat & killed one. Man and Wounded me sore in the thigh was obliged to cut the line and let him spout Blood. The Man killed was Henry James a Spaniard. so ends with strong winds from the N.W. running East. G.K. employed repairing the Store Boat.

Lat 35° 38' Long 61° 16' E.

116 days out

Various Days & Work.