

1856

B' H cruising for sperm Whales December
Saturday December the 6th
The fore part light breeze gained with the ship
Franklin of New Bedford capt. Lickman
Middle & latter parts, strong breeze from E
under double reefed top sails

Sunday Dec the 7th
A strong breeze from E steering S by E S E
one sail in sight

Monday Dec the 8th
A strong breeze from E steering S by E
Employed making sword mats & other jobs

Tuesday Dec the 9th
Strong breeze from the northward & eastward
heading S E S E

Wednesday Dec the 10th
A strong breeze & squalls from E to E S E
heading E S E Employed preparing the gill

Thursday Dec the 11th
Blowing a moderate gale from E to S E & squalls
of rain heading S E S W

Friday Dec the 12th
A fresh breeze from the southward & eastward
heading to the southward Employed at ship's
work

Saturday Dec the 13th
A strong breeze from E heading S E
Middle part laced with the main yard
aback latter part steering W looking
for New York Island Employed making
spun yarn & other jobs so ends this day

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Sunday Dec the 14th
A strong breeze from E S E at 2 P M
first saw New York Island this Island is very
fertile & covered with coconut trees

Lat 4-54 N
Monday Dec the 15th Long 160-15 W
Steering S by W with a strong breeze
from E some rain squalls saw black fish

Tuesday Dec the 16th
A strong breeze from E steering S by W
saw one fin back

Wednesday Dec the 17th
A fresh breeze from E steering S by W at 12
P M Dan. Stuart one of the foremast hands
fell overboard from the head rail & drowned
lowered two boats & looked one hour without
success he belonged in green state of man
Latter part gained with the barque Emily of
New Bedford capt 14 months out 500
lbs sperm oil Lat 5-09 S

Thursday Dec the 18th
Strong trade winds from E to N steering
S by W Employed at various jobs

Friday Dec the 19th
A fresh breeze from E to N steering South
some squalls of rain saw 3 Islands called
Lingen Islands

Saturday Dec the 20th
A fresh breeze from N to N E steering S
saw the Island of Vassu

Sunday Dec the 21st
A moderate breeze from E to N steering
S by S some light showers of rain.
it is a fine some Sunday for me today