

Bark Matilda Sear of Dartmouth Capt Howland

Remarks Sunday April 9th 1861

Fore part light breeze from the N.W. heading to S.W. employed making Nets for Potatoes &c the Island in sight on the Sea quarter Middle part hugging on Little part strong double reefed Top Sail breeze from the N.W. two Sails in sight.

Remarks Wednesday April 10th

Fore part strong breeze from the N.W. heading steering N.W. & employed making Nets &c at sundown we ship to the S.W. the Ground in sight & two Sails Middle part continues much the same at 8 A.M. squared the yards steering N.W. Lat by Obs 32° 35' S Long by Chron 81° 18' W

Remarks Thursday April 11th

Fore part a moderate breeze from the Southward steering N.W. & employed sitting up the Sea Stays painting the Larboard Boat &c saw nothing Middle part the wind hauling round to the Eastward Latter part strong breeze saw a Bird Long by Chron 80° 45' W Lat by Obs 31° 06' S

Remarks Friday April 12th

Fore part strong breeze from E steering N.W. & E caught a Porpoise & employed Middle part moderating Latter part the wind very light at 7 A.M. saw British got breakfast & lowered away the Larboard Boat struck one look him long side & hauled him in the other Boats chasing the Waist Boat missed one came aboard at 9 1/2 A.M. Lat by Obs 29° 38' S Long by Chron 80° 10' W

Course to the Island of St. Felix

Remarks Saturday April 13th 1861

Fore part calm found the Sea Stays shrouded got at air fitted it set it up again & bent the jib at 3 P.M. took a light breeze from the N.W. steering N.W. & E saw some Llamposes beaching Middle part much the same Latter part fine breeze employed boiling the British at 11 A.M. raised gun Whales 1 point on the weather bow at 12 lowered away three Boats Lat by Obs 28° 06' S Long by Chron 79° 10' W

Remarks Sunday April 14th

Fore part fine breeze from the N.W. heading the Boats went on to the whales twice & they preserved them the water being very clear the whales kept working to leeward & we let them work three or four rising when they got regular again the S Boat went on & struck one hauled him up & took him long side at 3 P.M. got dinner & got ready for cutting the whales went off to the S & some 8 or 10 50 to 80 lb whales Middle part came on squally with rain Latter part strong breeze & rugga called all hands at daylight & commenced cutting the whale walloped round so we were ship at 4 A.M. got the whale's head off at 12 Lat by Obs 28° 06' S

Remarks Monday April 15th

Fore part strong gales from the N.W. heading S.W. finished cutting the whale lashed & cleared up a little & were ship to the Northward got supper & set Boats crew watching Middle part continue the same called all hands at daylight & went to work clearing away the case Latter part moderating started the hogs at 9 A.M. Lat by Obs