

222 Bark *Mattea* Seal of Dartmouth Capt Howland
Remarks *Finia* Oct 16th 1863

Fore part light breeze from N^W heading to the S^W
saw the land & plenty of Kump & Fin Backs Shortened
Sail as usual Mice part breezing on latter part
strong breeze from N^W S^W striking S^W and plenty of
Fin Backs Long 75.56 W Lat 42.54 S

Remarks *Saturday* Oct 17th

Fore part a Gale coming on from the Northward saw
plenty of Fin Backs at a 1/4 of 2 PM saw two bright whales
appearing still to suggest to lower we were steering S^W
at the time heaved to the wind took in the S^W & H^W to
sail shortly after come on thick & rainy the whales
appeared to be working to the N^W & took up the bows
close reefed the main top sail & furl the fore sail
at 6 PM & set the watch heading W Mice &
latter parts the Gale continues Lat 43.05 S

Remarks *Sunday* Oct 18th

Fore part a Gale from N^W S^W Mice part moaning
at daylight fine weather made all sail heading to the
S^W Eastward Long 76.04 W Lat 43.15 S

Remarks *Monday* Oct 19th

Fore part fine weather with a light breeze from the S^W
heading to the Southward saw a few Fin Backs at 6
PM spoke the *Alfred Gibbs* Capt Nichols one whale this
season have a gam Mice part moaning at sunrise
began to breeze on at 11 AM double reefed the Top Sails
Lat Long

Remarks *Tuesday* Oct 20th

Fore part a Gale from the N^W heading W S^W took
in the fore top sail & fore sail close reefed the
main three ships in sight saw the *Jana* to the E
this forenoon Mice & latter parts blowing hard
with rain squalls came up the West & Bow Boats

Cruising on *Chile*

Remarks *Wednesday* Oct 20th 1863

Fore part the Gale began to moderate at 1 PM the
wind hauled to the Westward bore ship at 6 PM
close reefed the fore top sail & set it quite moderate
Mice part had some rain squalls latter part moderate
strong made sail furlled the fore at 10 AM
saw some Fin Backs Long 75.50 W Lat 42.52 S

Remarks *Thursday* Oct 21st

Fore part fresh breeze from the W heading S S^W at
4 1/2 PM hauled to the Southward saw some Fin Backs
took in sail as usual Mice & latter parts moderate
Long 75.40 W Lat

Remarks *Friday* Oct 22nd

Fore part moderate & ships in sight saw some Fin Backs
the wind from the W at 4 PM had a gam with the
Blanca etc from the Archer ground 2 or this season
gamed with the *Rosco* also Mice & latter parts
moderate took out B^W & P^W & ships in sight
Long Lat

Remarks *Saturday* Oct 23rd

Fore part moderate breeze from the W and plenty of
Fin Backs have a gam with the *Alfred Gibbs* got a
lot of short & one brace of yellow pine heading Mice
part the wind heading to the N^W S^W heading to the
W at 7 AM began to rain at 9 saw a bright whale lower
& haul at 11 could not strike him came aboard
& lower again before 12 for another on breezing
on & raining hard came aboard double reefed the
Top Sails took in the jib & spanker N^W 663

Remarks *Sunday* Oct 24th

Fore part strong Gales with thick rainy weather from
the N heading to the W saw three ships this forenoon
all chasing Whales none of them got any Mice part
moderating latter part nearly calm saw a dead Sulphur Bottom
at 10 AM saw a bright whale lower & haul Long 77.09 W Lat 42.34 S

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