

224 Bark Matthew Sears of Dartmouth Capt Howland
Remarks Mon Oct 25th 1863

Fore part light air from the NW heading to the SE
saw several bright whales going quick did not lower
4 ships in sight cloudy weather middle part had
some rain squalls latter part cleared up some
saw some finbacks Long Lat 42° 11' 48" S

Remarks Tues Oct 26th

Fore part light breeze from the NW heading to
the NE at 2 P.M. set in thick & rainy 3 ships
in sight today & a few finbacks at 5 P.M. wore ship
to the W & W & took in sail middle part squally
at daylight strong breeze from the SE at 7 A.M. set the
Fore sail & at 9 A.M. saw a bright whale the
Ben Cummings boats chased him being to windward
he was steering to the Northward Long 76° 10' W Lat 42° 11' 45" S

Remarks Wed Oct 27th

Fore part fresh breeze from the Southward steering to the W
at 4 P.M. wore ship to the SE had a game with the Ben
Cummings middle part the same at 6 P.M. I M
kept her off NW by N latter part strong gale with
rain squalls at 8 P.M. No Obz

Remarks Thurs Oct 28th

Fore part a gale from S, S W steering NW by N
at 2 P.M. saw two bright whales going eyes out to
windward thick & rainy in squalls did not lower at
sunrise heaved to the line heading W don't reef
the m & sail filed the F & T sail & F sail (middle)
part the same latter part strong double reefed
breeze at 6 P.M. saw two bright whales going eyes out
to windward did not lower kept her off NW
at 8 P.M. raised a game of 5 or 6 whales on the lee
bow head a ship boiling shortly after bore the fore
boat struck turned him up got him long side
& fluked at 12 o'clock Long 76° 01' W Lat 41° 07' S

Cruising on Chili
Remarks Fri Oct 29th 1863

Fore part strong breeze & rugged the wind from the SE
got ready for cutting & hooked on at 2 P.M. wore
ship after we hooked on & cut to towed got the head in
before we were finished cutting the whale at 9 P.M.
the ship heading to the SE (middle & latter part)
strong Gale calmed all hands at 4 P.M. cleared away
the head & started the work one ship in sight
Long 76° 47' W Lat 40° 50' S

Remarks Sat Oct 31st

Fore part strong Gale from the SE heading to the SE
employed boiling at sunrise close reefed the fore sails
& wore ship to the E, NE, very rugged middle part the
same latter part rather more moderate two ships in
sight had some foggy squalls at 10 P.M. saw a bright
whale going to the windward at 12 wore ship to the
SE started a Calk of Bone

Remarks Sun Nov 1st

Fore part strong breeze from the SE heading to the
SE employed boiling at 1 P.M. lowered for a whale
could not strike came on board at 3 P.M. the whale
going to the windward wore ship to the E at 6 P.M.
came in thick middle part the same finished
boiling at 7 A.M. latter part rather more moderate
two ships in sight Long 76° 16' W Lat 40° 52' S

Remarks Mon Nov 2nd

Fore part strong double reefed fore sail breeze the Cummin
in sight to windward chasing whales had a game
with her at 6 P.M. middle part quite moderate
heading to the SE calmed all hands at daylight
& commenced heaving out in the after platform
stowing down Lat 40° 50' S