

Barke Matilda Seas of Dartmouth Capt Howland
Remarks Thursa Dec 17th 1863

For part a heavy Gale from the S^W & heaving W^{SW} at 4 P^M moderating at 6 P^M saw two bright Whales set the Fore & Lay Sail Midair part moderating latter part had some rain squalls at 12 quite moderate turned the ruffs out of the main top sail
Long 79° 40' W Lat 44° 36' S

Remarks Fri Dec 18th

For part moderate breeze from W^{SW} & W^N heaving to the S^W & saw a number of Fin Backs at 5 P^M saw Wright Whales bowice & chased till 7 P^M without success saw two more Whales from the Ship making 4 in all washed on shore today Midair part squally at 4 P^M saw Whales called all hands at 5 & lowered for two Whales the Whales saw the Ship before we lowered chased them to windward a shot & gave them up latter part squally with rain & Hale saw another whale going to windward
Long 79° 35' W Lat 43° 54' S

Remarks Satur Dec 19th

For part strong gales from the S^W with the Sail & Rain squalls at 1 P^M lowered for a whale going quick to windward could not get any him at 7 P^M saw 8 or 10 Whales to late to lower very rugged the wind from the S^W heaving W^{SW} & S^W Midair part moderating latter part fine weather saw Whales at daylight going quick to windward at 7 1/2 P^M lowered the Bow Boat struck turned him up & he sunk came on board at 9 1/2 P^M plenty of Whales to windward
Long 79° 43' W Lat 43° 53' S

Cruising on Chili
Remarks Tuesa Dec 20th 1863

For part moderate breeze from the S^W looking to the windward after some Whales some what rugged at 4 P^M lowered the Fore & Lay Boat went into a gam of three struck turned him up took him long side at 6 1/2 P^M rose the Falls & got ready for cutting called all hands at 2 1/2 P^M hooked on & commenced cutting faster the Fin chain tore out & had a wide of a him however saved his Head after a severe struggle

Remarks Mon Dec 21st

For part fine weather but quite rugged finished cutting cleared up decks & started the works Midair & latter part fine weather saw two bright Whales to windward employed Boiling
Long 79° 45' W Lat 43° 37' S

Remarks Tuesa Dec 22nd

For part moderate breeze from the S^W with fine weather employed Boiling the Ship heaving to the S^W & E at 4 P^M lowered for three bright Whales to windward two miles fading could not strike at 6 1/2 P^M lowered again for another come rather my striking at 8 P^M saw a Whale long side the Ship started a Bl of Pok Midair & latter part moderate to windward at 5 P^M lowered & galled at 7 1/2 P^M lowered again the W Boat struck turned him up some distance to windward & commenced towing
Long 79° 40' W Lat 43° 42' S