

Bark Matilda Sigs of Dartmouth Capt Howland

Remarks Monday Dec 23rd 1863

Fore part fine weather a large ship passed close to the Boat whilst towing the Whale got him long side at 2 PM got ready for cutting & hooked on finished at 12 last part of the Bone aside all hands at 5 PM & cleared up decks latter part all hands employed stowing down in the Fore Hold the Bone from the W heading to the S W

Long 79 "39 W Lat 44 "00 S

Remarks Tuesday Dec 24th

Fore part fine weather heading to the S W employed Boiling & stowing down in the Fore Hold chocked off filled with the after part of the hatchway on the Deck since since part the same latter part employed stowing down in the after Hold

Remarks Wednesday Dec 25th

Fore part fine weather employed Boiling & stowing down in the Main Hold since part foggy the wind from the S W at 9 AM saw white whale lowered at 10 the waist Boat struck finished Boiling Long Lat 44 "15 S

Remarks Saturday Dec 26th

Fore part fresh breeze came up the Whale & took him long side at 3 PM got dinner & hooked on fore out & gave a seven time piece gave it up till daylight called all hands & hooked on finally got the Head on Board at 11 AM No Ob

Cruising on Chili

Remarks Sunday Dec 27th 1863

Fore part strong breeze from the N W W with some fog heading to the S W finished cutting the Whale & cleared up decks at 7 PM a Gale since & latter part the same with rain at 10 AM began to moderate won ship won ship to the S W No Ob

Remarks Monday Dec 28th

Fore part the Gale moderating heading to the S W started the work at 2 PM since part blowing strong called all hands at 4 AM coiled down & commenced stowing down Pipes between Decks forward a Gale of wind & very rugged with some rain from the W finished at 12 Noon striking Pipes below & stowed off No Ob

Remarks Tuesday Dec 29th

Fore part the Gale rather moderating started the work again the wind heading to the S W at 7 PM heading W S W started a variety of Poles since & latter part the Gale continues made an attempt to break out water in the Fore Hold in order to stow down so rugged gave it up the ship labouring badly with the oil on deck Long 79 "54 W Lat 44 "16 S

Remarks Wednesday Dec 30th

Fore part a Gale from W S W finished Boiling what Blubber we have in the Blubber Room & coiled down called all hands at 6 AM & commenced breaking out in the Fore Hold for stowing down stowed down 66 bbls the Gale continues started the work again at 11 AM now having the Tank full of Blubber