

Bark. Matilda Sears

Wednesday Dec 21st

First part fresh gale from west with squally weather ship of bore to heading to the S. S. W. with the whale along side Middle and latter part wind and weather the same at 5 P.M. were ship to the north and hooked on to the whale to cut him in very heavy sea running at the South end of Steward Island bearing N. E. 25 miles dist

Lat 12° 36' S
Long 167° 24' E

Thursday Dec 22nd

Commenced with moderate gale from west with squally weather at 2 P.M. finished cutting last the head and saved the body with little damage to the ship and men parted all the small chains took the big cable for fluke chain and the small cable for belly chain Middle and latter part fresh gale with heavy squalls ship bore to heading to the S. S. W. at 8 P.M. commenced to hoist

Lat 12° 56' S
Long 167° 33' E

Friday Dec 23rd

Commenced with fresh gale from west with heavy squalls ship bore to heading to the S. S. W. Middle and latter part the same at 6 P.M. were ship to the N. W. employed in hoisting

Lat 13° 12' S
Long 167° 43' E

Saturday Dec 24th

First part moderate gale from west with squally weather ship by the wind heading to the N. N. W. under all bearing sail at 4 P.M. finished hoisting last asail steering East Middle part the same latter part strong breeze from W. S. W. ship by the wind on opposite tack at meridian South end of Steward Island bore N. W. 25 miles dist employed in cooping oil to stove

Cruising off Slanders Rock. 1870

Sunday Dec 25th

First part strong breeze from W. S. W. with clear weather ship by the wind heading to the N. W. at sundown took in sail latter part fine breeze from South with pleasant weather ship steering different courses at meridian Slanders Rock bore N. E. 25 miles dist

Monday Dec 26th

First part fine breeze from South with pleasant weather ship by the wind heading to the S. W. at sun down took in sail and steamer steering to the Eastward Middle and latter part fresh breeze from west with cloudy weather ship steering different courses under that sail at meridian Slanders Rock bore N. E. 25 miles dist crew employed in stowing down oil in the fore hold

Tuesday Dec 27th

Commenced with fresh breeze from west with foggy weather ship by the wind heading to the N. W. at 2 P.M. raised alone sperm whale close to the ship lowered down the starboard boat and struck him at 6.40 took to the ~~the~~ whale to the ship Slanders bearing north 10 mile dist made sail to tow the whale to the ship off shore to clear the land Middle and latter part wind and weather the same with rugged sea ship by the wind heading to the South under all bearing sail at 7 P.M. saw the land to the leeward 15 miles dist at meridian hooked on to the whale but could not cut weather being so rugged made sail again and headed by the wind to the South no oil

Wednesday Dec 28th

First part fresh breeze from west with cloudy weather ship by the wind heading to the South under all bearing sail with the whale along side latter part wind from South at 9 P.M. were ship to the westward at the South end of Steward Island bore S. E. 10 mile dist at 4 P.M. hooked on to the whale and commenced cutting heavy swell running to the north at meridian Slanders Island bore N. W. 15 miles dist Rogers B. Chan went off duty Sick