

Bark. Metilda Sears

Thursday Jan 26th

First part. light air from N.W. with hazy weather the heading to the S.W. Middle part. fresh breeze from north latter part. fresh gale with thick weather the heading to the west employed in stowing No Obs.

Friday Jan 27th

First part. strong gale from the north with thick weather ship hove to. Heading to the west at 2 P.M. cool down the weather being so rough the sails at 4 were taken up the coast and heeled every thing about the deck. Middle part the same latter part. Moderate at 8 A.M. started the work Lat 48° 30' S.

Saturday Jan 28th

First part. light gale from N.W. with thick weather ship hove to. Heading to the N.W. at 2 P.M. said the Snare bearing East 10 miles distant at 4 P.M. finished stowing Middle and latter part fresh gale from the north with thick rainy weather No Obs.

Sunday Jan 29th

Commenced with fresh gale from north with thick rainy weather ship hove to. Heading to the west at 2 P.M. the wind moderated and the weather broke away latter part wind from South with cloudy weather at 5 P.M. steered off N.W. under close reefed sails Lat 48° 58' S.

Monday Jan 30th

First part fresh breeze from S.W. with cloudy weather ship steering N.W. under short sail at 1 P.M. said the Snare bearing East 15 miles distant latter part wind from N.W. with cloudy weather ship by the wind heading to the N.W. the short sail was employed in stowing oil between decks a hafter the blubber room Lat. Meridian the Snare bore S.E. 20 miles distant

Cruising off Solander

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Tuesday Jan 31st

First part. moderate breeze from N.W. with rainy weather at 6 P.M. wore ship to the west latter part. wind the same at 9 P.M. cleared away at 10 the Snare bearing E.N.E. sail black pig and employed in stowing down oil in the after hold

Wednesday Feb 1st

First part. fresh breeze from N.W. with clear weather ship heading to the N.W. under short sail Middle part. rainy latter part. wind from South with cloudy weather the daylight steered off N.W. and made sail employed in stowing provisions off deck at Meridian the Snare bore N.E. 30 miles distant

Thursday Feb 2nd

First part. fresh breeze from S.E. with cloudy weather ship steering N.W. at Solander shortened sail Middle and latter part. light gale from South at 3 P.M. steered N.W. Lat 46° 58' S. Long 166° 06' W.

Friday Feb 3rd

First part. light gale from South with cloudy weather ship steering different courses under short sail at Solander luffed to the wind heading to the East. Middle and latter part. moderate breeze from S.E. at 3 P.M. raised spinnaker, found in chase at Solander bore E.N.E. 25 miles distant at noon the boats in chase of the whale

Saturday Feb 4th

Commenced with moderate breeze from S.E. with fine weather at 2 P.M. the Snare bore struck at 6.30 took the whale to the ship and commenced to catch at 4 A.M. finished cutting the body at 7.30 worked on the head and cut it in latter part. strong winds from South and rugged at noon Solander bore E.N.E. 25 miles distant