

Bark Matilda Sears

Sunday Feb. 5th

First part. Strong winds from South with rugged weather this by the wind heading to the west and employed in sailing the case latter part. Moderate employed in cutting joints at 5 P.M. commenced to build at midnight west. Cape of the Middle Island for East 25 miles dist

Monday Feb. 6th

Commenced with light breeze from South with cloudy weather this by the wind heading to the west. Under short sail Middle and latter part. Strong breezes from S.E. at 3 P.M. raised sperm whales going to the S.E. quick board for them the starboard boat got stuck in blowing from the ship and water at a whale but did not get past at midnight the boat returned to the ship at 10 P.M. west. Cape of the Middle Island for East. 30 miles east employed in sailing

Tuesday Feb. 7th

First part. Fresh breeze from S.E. with pleasant weather ship by the wind heading to the S.W. Middle part the same latter light air and employed in building No Obs.

Wednesday Feb. 8th

First part. Light breeze from S.E. with pleasant weather this by the wind heading to the S.W. at 2 P.M. finished building at 5 P.M. rose ship to the East and made sail. Middle part. Calm latter part. Fresh breeze from north with cloudy weather at 6 P.M. raised sperm whales going S.E. lowered for them the starboard boat struck at 11 P.M. to the whale to the ship since blowing moderate gale No Obs.

Cruising off Soland

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Thursday Feb. 9th

First part. Moderate gale from North with rainy weather and rugged sea ship laying with the whale along side heading to the west. Middle part heavy gale at 2 P.M. the water hauled to the S.W. blowing fresh gale with very heavy swell. Lat. 43° 00' S. Long 165° 34' E.

Friday Feb. 10th

First part. Fresh gale from S.W. with squally weather ship laying to with the whale along side heading to the South at 6 P.M. the fluke chain parted and lost the whale from along side. Made sail and worked the ship to the whale to strike him from the ship but could not get near enough to strike him. Middle part. Wind and weather the same with heavy sea running ship on opposite tack keeping run off the whale at 3 P.M. the ship ran to the whale and fastening to him with gins and fluked him with the anchor chain took in sail and bore to heading to the South large swell from the S.W. running Lat. 44° 09' S. Long 165° 30' E.

Saturday Feb. 11th

First part. Moderate gale from west with squally weather ship bore to heading to the South with the whale along side weather rugged and cold latter part. Wind from N.W. blowing agale at daylight hooked onto the whale and commenced cutting the body Lat. 45° 10' S.

Sunday Feb. 12th

First part. Moderate gale from N.W. with clear weather and rugged at 4 P.M. finished cutting the whale took the head at 10 P.M. ship to the S.W. Middle and latter part the same at daylight commenced building Lat. 45° 30' S. Long 167° 10' E.

Monday Feb. 13th

First part. Fresh breeze from S. with clear weather this by the wind heading to the S.E. Middle and latter part. Light breeze from S.E. ship on different tack at midnight South end of Stewart Island for north 25 miles and employed in building