

Barge Matilda Searr Cruising

Friday December 19

Comes in fine
The Boats Whaling at half past
two & took the whale along side
and went to cutting at six
The leaved one boat for a whale
did not get fast at seven
finished cutting and got ready
to start the try works this day
ends with a light breeze from
the NE with rain
no observation this day

Saturday December 20

At one AM started the
works weather good at six PM leaved
three boats for a Right Whale did
not get fast this day ends fine
the whale in sight no observation

Sunday December 21

Comes in fine
from the NE the at one AM
leaved three boats for a Right Whale
the Bow Boat struck the whale
went to windward to cut line and
came on board spoke British Barge
bound to Mauritius this day ends
with a fresh breeze and cloudy weather
from the NE no observation
The ship on different tacks Longitude
from the Barge 31-20

in the South Atlantic 1878

Monday December 22

Comes in moderate
le from the N the ship on different
tacks at nine AM finished working
at twelve the wind hauled to the
W with a strong gale this day ends
with a strong gale from the W the
ship on the port tacks reaching
Lat 4-03
Lon 31-12

Tuesday December 23

Throught this day
a strong gale from the W ship
under short-sail on different-
tacks

Lat 40-27

Lon 31-32

Wednesday December 24

Throught this day
strong variable winds from
the W ship on different tacks
at five PM commenced heaving
out in the fore hole to strain
oil

Lat 8-20

Lon 31-98

Thursday December 25

Comes in with a strong
gale from the W ship on different
tacks at five AM finished stowing
oil Middle part a strong gale and squa-
lly at seven PM made sail and
cleared to SE this day ends with
a strong gale from the S and W

Lat 91-8

Lon 32-57



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