

1879 Remarks on board Bark Matilda Lewis

Sunday Sept 14th First light breeze from South steering down the coast and run down shifted off shore with wind veered ahead of the Island of Salonga found the thermometer 15 miles the East middle were shot at 11 better light breeze from South at 1 1/2 however three boats & started long shot looking for humpbacks saw one

Monday Sept 15th in side of late daylight saw off looking for humpbacks saw four at 3 o'clock Boat struck & cut & saved the crew got her along side at 4 & came to anchor in 9 fathoms of water middle being by the whale latter had in the whaler got ready for sailing got dinner & lowered two boats

Tuesday Sept 16th kind light at 2 M Boat struck & whale & saved him got him along side at dusk came to anchor again & employed in boiling latter employed in boiling & cutting in the whale

Wednesday Sept 17th Commenced with light breeze & happy from South lying at anchor employed in boiling & cutting up the blubber middle boiling latter threw up the anchor got the ship under way covered two boats 1st Boat struck & low & saved her got it along side at 12 employed in boiling

Thursday Sept 18th First light breeze from South & there came the anchor & commenced to cut at 6 finished employed in boiling middle stop boiling latter employed in boiling & storing down the oil

Friday Sept 19th Commenced with light breeze from South employed in boiling & storing down the oil middle boiling latter at 7 got under weigh & lowered three boats ship boiling

Saturday Sept 20th Commenced with light breeze from South cut finished boiling at 2 M Boat struck & humpback & swept him at 5 got him at his side & swept the anchor latter employed in cutting in the whale at 10 finished

Sunday Sept 21st Commenced with light breeze from South started the works out of the blubber & run down some of the oil middle employed in boiling latter light breeze from South started the anchor & started off & went employed in boiling

Monday Sept 22nd Commenced with light breeze from South steering 1/2 N Boat employed in boiling & cutting up our humpback middle steering north latter fresh breeze from S E Boat employed in boiling & decks saw humpbacks