

Journal of Bark *Matapoisett* of
Cruising off Ascension Island

Wednesday Feb. 6th
This 24 hours fresh breeze the Bark
steering by the wind saw the Island all
day the watch employed in hauling
so ends

Thursday Feb. 7th
This 24 hours light breeze with
fine weather finished hauling about 1.30
A.M. saw the Island and two sails
during the day.

Friday Feb. 8th
This 24 hours light breeze from S.E.
with fine weather the Bark steering by the
wind saw the Island and two sails steamed
down the oil during the day steamed down
10.77 Gallons

Saturday Feb. 9th
This 24 hours light breeze from S.E. with
fine weather the Bark steering by the wind
on the Starboard tack the Island and
one sail in sight all day at sunset
took in the light sails and hauled
up the mainsail so ends

Sunday Feb. 10th
This 24 hours fresh breeze from S.E.
with fine weather the Bark steering by
the wind on the Port tack saw
the Island and two sails at sunset
took in the light sails and hauled up the
mainsail

Monday Feb. 11th
This 24 hours light breeze with fine
weather saw four sails and saw *Grampus*
at 3 P.M. Jamed the Bark *Grampus*
of New Bedford Capt. Allen Jamed
until 10 P.M. so ends
the Island in sight all day

New Bedford Capt. C. L. Stickney
Cruising off Ascension Island

Monday Feb. 12th 1883
This 24 hours light breeze saw four
sails and saw the Island about 11.30 A.M.
Jamed the Bark *Grampus* of New Bedford
let her haul and got a Great
Anchor and a light Anchor for the ship and
some flage for Coopering finished Jaming
at 8 P.M. so ends this day during the
night some rain

Tuesday Feb. 13th
First part of this day strong breeze and
cloudy the Bark steering by the wind
saw seven sails and saw the Island
twice and latter part light breeze
and fine weather so ends

Wednesday Feb. 14th
First part light breeze from S.E. the
Bark steering by the wind at 6.30 A.M.
sighted a school of *Sperm Whales* off
the weather beam about 7.15 A.M. Jamed
three Boats and about 9 A.M. Starboard
Boat struck a Whale killed him and
got him to the ship about 12 noon
got dinner and began to cut finished
at 2.20 P.M. saw three sails at
6.30 P.M. Capt. King came on board
from Bark *Stafford* and left about
9 P.M. so ends this day with a
fresh breeze at night

Thursday Feb. 15th
This 24 hours very strong breeze the
Bark steering by the wind on the
Starboard tack the watch employed
hauling saw the Island and seven
sails finished hauling at midnight
so ends