

Remarks On Board Brig Medford AD 1851

Cruising in Lanza

Sunday March 23 1851 Comes in with the wind all around the compass laying at anchor in the watering place this Am the Harriet Neal got underway and left saw a brig off the land today ends with a light breeze from the S.West

Monday March 24 1851 Comes in with a light breeze from the S.West at 3Am the Wind hauled suddenly to the Eastward blowing fresh and a heavy sea running the began to drift we cleared away the other anchor but she drifted so fast in towards the land we were obliged to slip our cable and for end made sail and stood off shore this Am hailing up to get our anchor with a light breeze from the Northward saw the Charles Allstrom and the R.E. Cook

Tuesday March 25 1851 Comes in with a strong breeze from the Eastward at 4 past 12 lowered two boats and went and got our anchor we anchored with the vessel close to the watering place at sunset got underway and stood off this morning lowered for black fish and got three took them alongside and cut them in ends with a light breeze and pleasant weather saw grampus

Wednesday March 26 1851 Comes in with a light breeze from the N.West at 3Am spoke the John Lewis 3 months out 25-46 black fish oil took in sail at sunset made all sail this morning and stood to the Southward cruising in company with 4 other vessels the day ends calm

Thursday March 27 1851 Comes in with light breezes and calms at 1Pm lowered for blackfish and got one lowered for blackfish this morning and got two commenced trying out the brig Benjamin Franklin arrived here today and cruise the day ends with a light breeze from the Southward and Westward

Friday March 28 1851 Comes in moderate and pleasant took in sail at sunset made sail this morning at 6Am lowered for black fish and got one cut him in and minced the blubber the day ends calm five whales cruising here

Saturday March 29 1851 Comes in calm at 8Pm there sprang up a light breeze from the N.West we started S.East took in sail at sunset made all sail this morning with a strong breeze from the E.S.East the Lewis Bruce arrived here today ends strong breeze all the fleet hailing to the windward tried out our blubber and stored it down

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Sunday March 30 1851 Comes in with a strong breeze from the E.S.East trying to beat up to the anchorage got as far as the watering place and took in sail this morning calm gummied with the Charles Allstrom at 9Am made all sail and beat to the windward the day ends blowing fresh and rough

Monday March 31 1851 Comes in with a good breeze from the Eastward beating up for the cove came to an anchor at 11Pm this Am went to sail for seal. Amine sail to repair kept a new mainsail the Charles Allstrom. Harriet Neal. R.E. Cook. L. Bruce. Benj. Franklin. lay here at anchor

Tuesday April 1 1851 Comes in blowing fresh laying at anchor in the cove finished and bent over sails got underway at 6Am and run down for the Chalk Cliff with a light wind from the Eastward ends moderate breeze

Wednesday April 2 1851 Comes in with a fresh breeze standing by the wind at 6Am boarded the Brig Benj Franklin 3 months out eleven took in sail at sunset a breeze of the upper cliffs made all sail this morning and run down to the cliff the day ends with fresh breezes from the E.S.E

Thursday April 3 1851 Comes in with a fresh breeze from the E.S.East standing by the wind at 3Pm left off for the lower cove came to an anchor at 4 past 5-6 clock with all the rest of the vessel got underway this morning at 4 o'clock and stood out steering N. by South for Port Au Prince bay in company with the Allstrom and the brig John September of Boston 1 month out clean

Friday April 4 1851 Comes in blowing a good breeze from the Eastward steering West by South at sunset shortened sail steering the same course this Am moderate with rain squalls saw one vessel the day ends with a good breeze saw grampus

Saturday April 5 1851 Comes in with calms and variable winds made all sail this morning steering N.West for Port Salute at 12M we was off Point Place the day ends with a good breeze

Sunday April 6 1851 Comes in with a good breeze from the Eastward steering in for Port Salute at 1Pm hove aback off the town the captain went ashore and traded for game potatoes and fruit came aboard at sunset and left off West by South a light breeze this morning three vessels in sight the day ends with calm S.E.