

Ship. Meridian on Japan cruising

June 6th Fine weather and pleasant all sail set. The boys & chipping the whales for the "Gator" make it joining the yard arm of the fore yard. Mr. Johnson taking the blunting blocks off the main yard so ends this 24 hours. 1830

June 6th Fine weather and pleasant all sail set but very calm. P.M. fogging with the yards all of the time. And the old fool of a male A sleep on Deck in the captains night. 1830

June 7th Fine weather and pleasant all sail set we strike the ship Maria of Portland 21 months out with 9.00 and 30 barrels of oil. we spoke the Richmond of New Bedford 21 months out with 14.00 barrels of oil. so ends this 24 hours with the boys making spun yarn. At night we took in sail. we had some fog. 1830. 1830.

You will recollect that the sea day commences at noon 12 hours sooner than the next day, for instance the 8th June commences the noon that has last past. It will end tomorrow at noon. The hours before midnight is called P.M. & the hours from midnight to noon is called A.M. for instance to morrow morning at 8.00 clock to set down at 8.00 P.M. I see many things weather here that would make me think

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June 8th Commences with a strong breeze of wind. At 11 we seized the topmasts and pulled the main topgallant sail. repairing the boat over head. P.M. we pulled the fore and mizen topmasts. And took in the main topmasts and pulled the mainsail so ends this 24 hours. 1830

June 9th Fine weather and pleasant all sail set the crew & working the ship. P.M. took in sail. so ends this 24 hours. 1830

June 10th Commences with fine weather and pleasant. All sail set the Captain buying shell pins. Mr. Dea & painting the boats over head. And the boys & making spun yarn. Mr. Johnson making nails. so ends this 24 hours. 1830

June 11th Fine weather and pleasant all sail set the crew men & scraping the ships waste. P.M. sent down the mizen topgallant sail to mend. 1830

June 12th We raised whales in the morning off our ship. We were low. we lowered our boats and pulled for the whale. we struck one of them and killed her. the starboard boat fish was in. 1830

