

Remarks on board Bark Minerva Cruising on

Saturday April 27th

This day fresh S.W. winds Ship C. Hauland in sight. At dark, at dark said whale close to the ship going Eastward, for two long months have we struck out our eyes, look, look & looked in vain, not a sign of a whale, & now here they are at dark all round the ship, and so it has been ever since we left New Bedford such luck as we have had seeing whales is enough to make a minister swear let alone a poor whaleman. Lat 44:10 Long 167:5

S. Cross J. Allen

Sunday April 28

This day moderate S.W. winds standing in shore in search of last night's whale, gained with bark Southern Cross, of Hatteras. With 3 months and also Bart James Allen 12 months out 300 lbs at 4 pm. Wharf off Cascade point dist 10 miles.

Post Bay

Monday April 29th

This day moderate S.W. winds the said in sight spoke schooner Post Bay of Sydney 1 whale.

James Allen

Tuesday April 30

This day light air all round the Cape gained with bark James Allen 18 months out 850 lbs. Lat 43:45 Long 40 miles off. beautiful weather. Saw then Cross, & Post Bay in sight.

Wednesday May 1st

X This day a gale from N.E. & thick rainy weather. Sailing too on S tack.

Thursday May 2nd

X This day fresh N. winds & thick weather, spoke an English bark. Hard breeze.

Friday May 3

This day begins with heavy N. winds & thick foggy weather. Middle part thunder & lightning and heavy rain. Latter part wind N. N.W. Hazy weather. Ship heading West. Lat 44:10 Long 166:15 E.

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Saturday May 4th

This day begins with light airs from N. N.W. & calm ship heading by the wind on S, took latter part wind back S.W. strong breeze. Lat 44:20 Long 165:40

Sunday May 5th

This day heavy breeze from S, sailing to an S tack. Lat 44:10 Long 165:25.

Monday May 6th

This day strong S. winds at 9 A.M. saw a whale on the weather beam going to windward quickly. Made sail and worked to windward but saw no more of the whale, abundance of gulls etc. Lat 44 S Long 165:30 E.

Tuesday May 7th

This day moderate S.W. winds at 12. Saw whale at half past 12. Thick fog. at 3 fog cleared, saw the whale & lowered the boat. S. boat struck at dark took the whale along side, saw a good many whale working Eastward slowly. weather fine to end.

Wednesday May 8th

This day light S.W. winds & fine weather all hands engaged in cutting in the whale. At 12 finished cutting. Cam boiling.

Thursday May 9th

This day moderate S.W. & W. winds & fine weather looking out the whale. Lat 43:45 N. Long 166:55 E.

Friday May 10

This day moderate S.W. winds & cloudy weather. Sailing at Steaming Westward. Lat 44:4 Long 165:46 E.

Saturday May 11

North winds all hands engaged steaming down west.