

Ship Montpelier on Whale Ground

Saturday 28th

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These 24 hours Begins fine pleasant weather
Employed in stowing down all at 7 past 6 saw whales but at
being near night did not lower for them at sundown took in sail
and set the watch Bonts knew watches the whale arriving to be rather
poor we thought proper to let him lay and put at 2 o'clock at all all
hands was called one the boy of fire wounded throughout the ship
we went on deck and the ship proved to be on fire Between decks
under the tryworks we but a hole through the deck and succeeded
in putting out Now the fire brought is unknown but by the
appearance of things we thought it must have been set on purpose as
there was no other way that fire could have got there at that time
of night but past fine weather employed in boiling

Sunday 29th

Begins pleasant employed in boiling out
at 2 lowered for a whale went on and missed him at 5 lowered
for another without success middle part pleasant employed in boiling
Concludes much the same at 2 lowered for a whale but could
not get fast so Ends Loney by Lunar 10-06 by Chron 21-46

Monday 30th

Begins with a strong breeze from
N.W. ship steering to the E employed in boiling at 3 lowered
for a whale without success at 4 sundown took in sail
and luffed to the wind middle part finished boiling at
daylight made sail and took in the harbour Boat and
repaired her So Ends another day and saw nothing

Tuesday 31st

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Begins with strong wind from N.W.
steering to the Eastward under short sail Employed mending
the Boat at sundown took in sail and luffed to the
wind at daylight called all hands went to stowing down
Ends the same steering E by S under double reef main
top sail and fore sail

Ship Montpelier off The Island of Tristan da Cunha

Wednesday January the 7th 1840

These 24 hours begins a moderate gale
from N.W. steering E by S under short sails at sundown
took in sail and luffed to the wind at daylight a dead Calm
Ends a strong breeze steering E by E saw nothing Lat 36-48

Thursday 1st

Begins a strong breeze from N.W. steering
E by E at 4 saw finbacks at sundown took in
sail and luffed to the wind latter part a heavy Gale at
10 A.M. made the Island of Tristan da Cunha at noon
reaching down past the Island so Ends gloomy heavy took
in all sail to main spencer and topmast staying in 2
whales

Friday 2nd

Begins a gale from N.W. at 1 set the
M.T. sail close reefed middle part more moderate set the
fore sail latter part saw plenty of whales lowered for 2
without success so Ends 4 ships in sight Lat 36-50
Distance 3 Leagues

Saturday 3rd

Begins fine weather saw one whale
Chased without success latter part saw plenty of whales
Could not get fast so Ends Loney leaving 2 P.M. distance 15 miles

Sunday 4th

Begins fine weather at 4 up below
steered S.E. by S spoke the Barque Providence of Capt
Spring with 8 hundred and 50 barrels at 5 lowered and
got a whale took him to the ship and but in his head
throat and lips and bled down for the night in the
morning finished cutting at 8 spoke the Georgia of
N. London Rendition master 400 barrels so Ends Employed
in boiling and stowing whales