

Ship Montpelier on the South Coast of New Holland, 1843

Wednesday February 1st

Commences with light winds at N. and overcast, steering E. At sunset finished stowing down and spoke the Ship Roman of New Bedford 4,000 bbls; Middle part much the same; Latter part a brisk breeze at N.W. and pleasant weather at daylight saw 2 or 3 Whales; hauled in Company with the Roman, and chased with out success the Whales, yawning quick to the S; Ship heading E. all sail set, thus ends

Lat by Obs 42,33 S. Long by Obs



Thursday February 2nd

Commences with a brisk breeze at N.W. and pleasant heading E. at Medicinal Point, saw one or 2 Whales; hauled in Company with the Roman, struck the Whale and killed it at 2 P.M. took the Whale a Larvyside and commenced cutting; at 6 finished took in sail, day by day heading E. the wind N.W. at 8 commenced Boiling; Middle part much the same; Latter part strong winds at N.W. and thick foggy weather, steering E. saw Nothing; employed in Boiling; thus ends

Lat by Obs 42,56 S. Long by Obs 142, 12,

Friday February 3rd

Commences with strong winds at W. and pleasant, steering E. at 8 employed in Boiling; Middle part light winds and thick weather; Latter part light airs and pleasant, steering E; employed Boiling and striking out the Bone peak; at 1/2 past 11 A.M. saw a school of many Sperm Whales; hauled and struck one Whale; got one Boat stove Bad; killed the Whale at Noon finished cutting; ends with fine weather, and the Boats of part to the Whales Lat by Obs 45, 02 S. 143, 35



Friday February 4th

Commences with fine weather; at 2 P.M. took the Whale a Larvyside clean the Decks, and commenced cutting; at sunset finished the Backlog; set the Gun Vay at Larvyside all Night got supper & at 10 P.M. and commenced stowing down at daylight; cut in the Sea, and commenced Boiling; saw one or 2 Whales under our

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Sunday February 5th

Commences with fresh winds at N. and overcast, employed in Boiling; Middle part, thick rainy weather; at 10 P.M. saw the Whales at daylight saw a or 2 Whales; Latter part, light winds at N. and rainy weather; thus ends

Lat by Obs 45, 36 S.

Monday February 6th

Commences with strong winds at N.W. and equally with sun; rain; Ship heading to the N.W. under short sail; Middle part the same; at daylight started the Whales. Latter part strong winds at N.W. and equally, employed in Boiling; saw Nothing; thus ends

Lat by Obs 44, 56 S. Long by Obs 144, 55 S.

Tuesday February 7th

Commences with strong winds at N.W. and equally, head E. to the N. under short sail; Middle and Latter part much the same; started to saw Nothing; employed in Boiling; and stowing down; thus ends

Lat by Obs 45, 42 S. Long by Obs 146, 25 S.

Wednesday February 8th

Commences with moderate winds at W. steering E. at 2 P.M. finished Boiling; employed in stowing down; Middle part thick weather; Latter part, light winds at N.W. and pleasant weather; started to saw Nothing at 4 P.M. finished stowing down; thus ends

Lat by Obs 45, 52 S. Long by Obs 149, 25 S.

Thursday February 9th

Commences with a fine breeze at N.W. and pleasant; Middle part fresh breezes at N.W. and overcast; Latter part fresh breezes at N.W. and overcast steering per Compass E by S. at 7 P.M. saw 2 Whales, could not tell what they were; employed in Ship duty; thus ends

Lat by Obs 46, 29 S. Long by Obs 150, 35 S. Long by Obs 151, 30 S.