

Ship Montpelier Cruising For Whales On

Friday October 13th

Commences with a strong gale at S. N. E. and thick rainy weather. Middle part the wind and sea in order. At 8 P.M. Carried away the Mast. Latter part more moderate with a heavy sea, at daylight set the Fore sail, at 10 set back Fore and Main Top sails. Ship heading N. Nothing in sight. Employed in Ships duty so ends

Lat by Obs 35.17. S

Saturday October 14th

Commences with light winds at S. N. E. and a heavy sea and thick overcast weather. Middle part much the same. At daylight made all proudant sails to be Whales in sight. Lowered 2 Boats and chased untill it shot in thick fog. gave up the chase. steered in the direction where we saw the Ship last, at 12 part 4 A.M. the fog lifted up saw the Ship & Mels to Comguard at 8 got on Board. ends with light airs at S. and thick rainy weather. Nothing in sight. N. O. Obs

Sunday October 15th

Commences with light airs at S. and thick rainy weather. Middle part much the same. Latter part fresh breezes at W and N. W. Ship standing on different tack saw Nothing but Finnbucks so ends.

Lat by Obs 35.28. S. Long by Chron 173.13. W

Monday October 16th

Commences with fresh winds at W. N. W. and pleasant at 1 P.M. saw 2 or 3 Whales. giving quick to the Westward. didn't lower at 3 saw one Whale giving quick. Middle and Latter part strong winds and rugged. Ship standing on different tacks saw Nothing but Finnbuck. Employed repairing the Fore Topmaste Staysails & plugging Sheek Casks, thus ends

Lat by Obs 35.24. S

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Tuesday Oct 17th

Commences with a moderate gale at N. and pleasant Ship heading to the Westward under moderate sail saw Nothing. Middle part much the same. Day by. Latter part fresh gales at N. N. W. steered per Compass East saw Nothing but Finnbuck. Employed in Ships duty so ends

Lat by Obs 35.40. Long by Chron 172.18. W

Wednesday October 18th

Commences with fresh gales at N. N. W. and pleasant steering per Compass S. N. E. at 5 P.M. saw 6 or 7 Whales to ragged to Whale took in sail & Duped by the wind. heading N. N. E. Middle and Latter part fresh gales and varying from N. W. to W. S. W. Ship standing on different tacks under short sail saw Nothing. so ends

Lat by Obs 35.50. S

Thursday October 19th

Commences with a strong gale at West and pleasant. Middle part much the same. Latter part more moderate at daylight made all proudant sail heading N. N. W. saw Nothing but Finnbucks. Employed in Ships duty so ends. Lat by Obs 35.03. S. Long by Chron 171.31. W

Friday October 20th

Commences with strong winds at West and pleasant Ship heading N. by W. at sunset shortened sail and then Ship heading to the S. W. Middle part day by at daylight made all proudant sail. saw 2 Whales that we call in Whales. Lowered 2 Boats and chased but they proved to be Finnbucks. ends with strong winds and rugged. Ship heading S. E. by E. Nothing in sight. Employed in Ships duty so ends. Lat by Obs 35.06. S. Long by Chron 172.41. W