

Ship Montpelier Cruising For Whales

Saturday October 21st

Commences with strong gales at N.W. and pleasant ship steering East under all present sail at 4th past 4 P.M. saw 2 or 3 Whales, to suggest to Whales, lapped by the wind and shantied sail at sunset 11 or 12 Whales in sight, took in sail heading West, Middle and latter part strong gales and thick rainy weather the wind veering from N. to N.W. at daylight saw 4 or 5 Whales, to suggest to Whales, at Noon the weather cleared up and moderated. Nothing in sight, thus ends

Lat by Ob 35.18. S. Long by Chron 170.55. West

Sunday October 22nd

Commences with light winds at W. and pleasant ship heading N.W. at 1 P.M. made sail at 12 past 5 P.M. saw 2 or 3 Whales to late to lower, took in sail as usual. Middle part light airs and calms, latter part fresh breezes from W. S.W. and pleasant at daylight made all present sail, saw Whales at 7 A.M. lowered and chased 5 different Whales until 12 past 11, then gave up the chase and came on Board, thus ends

Lat by Ob 35.08. S. Long by Chron 170.17

Monday October 23rd

Commences with strong winds at S.W. and squally ship standing on different tacks, at sunset 3 or 4 Whales in sight, Middle and latter part strong winds at S.W. and suggest at daylight made all present sail, saw one or 2 Whales lowered with out success, at 7 A.M. saw 2 or 3 Whales going quick to the North chased them with the ship at 10 took in full and began to sail at 12 past 11 took in the fore top sail, ends with strong gales at S.W. and pleasant ship still in chase of the 2 Whales, thus ends

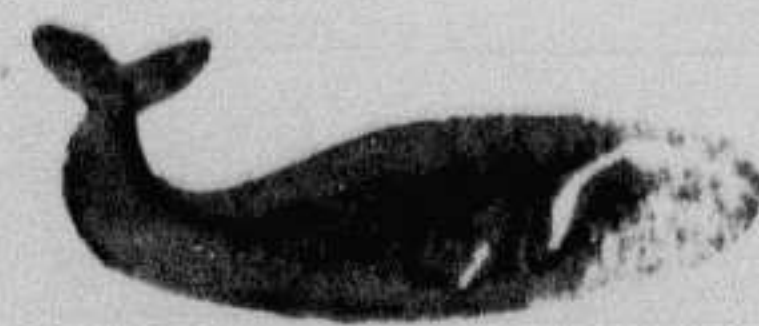
Lat by Ob 34.37. S. Long by Chron 170.23

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Tuesday October 24th

Commences with strong gales at S.W. and squally ship chasing 2 Whales to the North to suggest to lower from 3 P.M. till sunset saw 1 or 2 or 15 or 20 Whales at 4 lapped the ship by the wind, Middle and latter part light winds at S.W. and overcast, at daylight made sail, saw Whales lowered and chased with out success, at 8 A.M. lowered and chased until Noon, with out success, thus ends

Lat by Ob 34.07. S.



Wednesday October 25th

Commences with light winds at W. and overcast, saw Whales in game, lowered and chased and darter several times, at 4 P.M. struck a Whale and killed it, at sunset took the Whale a long ^{side} tack in sail and set the Watch Henry Whales in sight, first part of the night moderate latter part fresh breezes from W. and thick rainy weather, at daylight the ship took the same tack, but we had a preventer rope on that held the Whale until we put a new black rope on, latter part of the day strong gales at West and squally, ship sailing by the Whale to suggest to late, so ends

Lat by Ob 34.12. S. Long by Chron 169.24. West

Thursday October 26th

Commences with a strong gale at West and squally ship sailing by the Whales Middle and latter part more moderate with a strong swell, at 7 A.M. commenced cutting at 11 finished, cleared up and commenced Bailing, Wane ship and made sail heading West Nothing in sight, thus ends

Lat by Ob 34.08. S. Long by Chron 169.25