

December 1785

Sunday y^e 18th was Very Rough weather. The wind Southerly and Blew Very fresh. The Sea Run high, we Lay too under our Stone sail and Try sail, being in Lat^d 33-56

Monday y^e 19th was Extraordinary pleasant Weather the wind S. S. E. we Run S. W. by S. and ware by obsⁿ in Lat^d 34-13. Capt. Rich and mate went on board of a Snow that we fell in with on Saturday, Left.

Tuesday y^e 20th Remained pleasant weather the wind Easterly. Capt. Rich and mate again went on board the Snow and got a Skate and some other articles, Spoke with a brig from Nantucket this Day Capt. Folger with 200 barrels of oil on board. We Conclude to Run S. W. for the Right whale ground. Lat by obsⁿ 34-47

Wednesday y^e 21st pleasant weather and a Moderate gale of wind at N. we made our Course S. and ware by obsⁿ in Lat^d 36-18

Thursday y^e 22nd was Rough weather the wind Southerly, about 12 o'clock Spoke with a Brig from Rhode Island who Informed us that they had got one Right whale and that they saw whale plenty on the bank, consequently we Jibed Ship and Headed to the westward for Soundings.

Friday y^e 23rd was Extraordinary pleasant weather again, and a Light Breeze of wind at N. we Still made our Course to the westward and ware by obsⁿ in Lat^d 37-54

N. B. we caught a Very Large Bird Called a shearwater, and a Sun-fish this Day.

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Saturday y^e 24th was Rough weather again. The wind at S. E. by E. we made our Course S. by W. finding ourselves to be on Soundings and in about forty fathoms of water. Lat^d by obsⁿ 37-45

Sunday y^e 25th was Moderate weather, the wind at S. S. E. we made ^{our} Course S. by E. and S. S. E. and ware by observation in Lat^d 38-31. Saw a Brig to the Seward and bore away for her and Spoke with her, She was from Portsmouth in England and had about 20 Tuns of oil on board about five o'clock P. M. we discovered whales a Little to the Seward of us, put out our boats struck one and She parted our warp, then we Row'd up and struck another and soon killed that, but was so unfortunate as to Loose her. Not being able to keep her from sinking, and Night coming on was obliged to Leave the School.

Monday y^e 26th was moderate weather the wind Variable, we kept no Steady Course but Cruise Backward and forward for more whale. Found ourselves by obsⁿ in Lat^d 39-1 about three o'clock P. M. we saw whales plenty a Little to the Seward, we put out our boats and soon had the good Luck kill a Right whale.

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