

Log of Whaling Ship Nellie F. Putnam

Thursday Nov 14th

Came in with moderate breezes & good weather at 5 hrs got under way & stood out of the roads, here I will note that we could have been ready for sea three days ^{since}, but the authorities would not clear the schooner until Capt Hillson paid an unjust fine of four hundred and thirty odd dollars which they imposed on him, on the plea that he had brought a passenger into port in the person of the boy Thomas Pereira whose name is lawfully on the vessels papers. They detained and protected the Bay and imposed the fine without any consultation or explanation with the Capt at all, consequently we sailed without him, Capt Hillson protested, and left bonds to prosecute the case

Middle & latter parts moderate trades with good weather, saw Blackfish & lowered the boats in chase but got nothing, took the boats up & steered in our course, south for Compa under all sail, unbent the chains & stowed them below & stowed the anchors

Lat at noon 13 50 N
Longt for watch at 4h 23 36 15 W

1857
of Provincetown Elisha H. Hillson Master

Friday Nov 15th

170 days out

Came in with moderate breezes & good weather. Ship steering South for Compa under all sail. Saw Kimbuck, at sundown took in fore & gafftopsail. Middle part squally with much rain. Winds variable, latter part moderate breezes with cloudy weather. Mainsail & Flyjib in

Lat 11 58 N
Longt at 4h for watch 22 45 45

Saturday 16th

Came in with moderate breezes from East with heavy looking weather. Ship h to South under jib Foresail & Tysail, middle part heavy rains with wind from Southward. Latter part moderate winds from East & ESE ship h to S. Spoke Big Burnam Hill 170 sperm.

Lat 11 08 N
Longt for Capt 22 30 West

Sunday 17th

Came in with moderate breezes from Eastward with cloudy & overcast weather. Ship h to S under Foresail Flyjib & jib with bonet & Tysail, middle part heavy rains. Latter part light winds from East ship h to Southward under all sail except Gafftopsails. Current strong to SW

Lat 9 56 N
Longt for watch at 4h 22 36 30 W