

Remarks on Board Ship *Niger James Gray*

October 1844

Wednesday the 2nd

Commenced with light winds from the S W ships course S E employed at ships duty the sails in sight too numerous to mention saw black fish mid Part signally Lat good breeze so end this Day

Thursday the 3rd

Commences with light winds & pleasant weather wind S W 6 sails in sight employed at ships duty & c mid Part winds do Lat Part employed at ships duty 13 sails in sight so ends this Day

Friday the 4th

Commences with light winds & variables with rain 12 sails in sight mid Part light winds from W by W ships course S by W Lat Part 1st great clam employed at turning in rigging 13 sails in sight so ends this Day in Lat 6-14 Long 17-46

Saturday the 5th

Commences light winds from the S W employed at setting is rather turning in rigging & fitting flying jib boom 11 sails in sight mid Part light winds Lat Part do so end no obs

Sunday the 6th

Commences with fine weather for young Dacks mid Part light airs & calms Lat Part lat light winds from the S steering by the wind Calvard larks on board so ends this Day Lat 4-54 Long 17-26

Monday the 7th

Commences light airs & pleasant weather mid Part shows Lat Part light winds from S E employed at ships duty 12 sails in sight Lat 3-45 N

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October Tuesday 8th

Commences with light winds from the S E pleasant weather employed at fitting rigging at midday raised 1st sperm whale which proved to be 1st finback mid Part light winds with some rain at 3 o'clock tacked ship to the Eastward wind S W Lat Part 5 sails in sight employed at ships duty so ends this Day Lat 3-08 Long 18-30

Wednesday the 9th

Commences light winds & pleasant weather wind from the S W ship heading S E by S mid Part no remarks Lat Part employed at ships duty so ends this Day Lat 2-24 Long 17-41 W

Thursday the 10th

Commences with light winds from S W employed at setting up Mizzen rigging 3 sails in sight mid Part no remarks a 6 o'clock W tacked ship heading to the Westward by the wind Lat Part the watch employed at turning in the mizen rigging 2 sails in sight so ends this Day in Lat 4-35 W Long

Friday the 11th

Commences with light gales and pleasant weather the ship heading W the watch employed at turning in the fore rigging & tacking the head rigging mid Part light gales from S E Lat Part employed at various jobs about the rigging 2 sails in sight so ends this Day Lat 00-54 N Long 18-09

Saturday the 12th

Commences with light gales the watch employed at fitting rigging mid Part no remarks Lat Part employed at fitting the scuttle but 3 sails in sight so ends this Day in Lat 03-7 S Long 19-36