

89 Remarks on board off the Gallapagos Islands November 1845

Tuesday the 4th

First Part light winds all hands employed in ships duty at 2 P.M. tacked ship to the westward at 7 tacked to the Eastward Lat Part at 6.30 veered ship to the Westward Roads Chatham & Charles Island, in sight so ends

Wednesday the 5th

First Part light winds & pleasant weather ship heading S.W. at 2 P.M. saw sperm whales going quick to windward lowered 4 boats in pursuit of them but without success Mid Part nothing of note Lat Part at 6 raised whales ahead of the ship going to the leeward at 7 lowered the boats at 10 the waist boat struck & drew at 11 the starboard boat struck the whale run to windward out of sight of the ship had to cut so ends this Day

Thursday the 6th

First Part at 1 P.M. 5 boats returned to the ship at 5.30 the fourth boat returned Mid & Lat Parts light winds &c so ends this Day

Friday the 7th

Where 24 hours nothing of note so ends this Day

Saturday the 8th

First Part fresh breezes ship steering different courses exploring weather bay at dark shortened sail & luffed to the wind heading N.W. S.W. one sail in sight Lat Part 2 ships in sight spoke the Abigail of New Bedford 24 months out with 1000 lbs of sperm oil so ends this Day

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Sunday the 9th

First Part light winds & pleasant weather spoke the ship Alfred Ryler of Edgartown 13 months out with 350 lbs of sperm oil Mid & Lat Parts pleasant weather so ends this Day

Tuesday the 10th

First Part light winds & pleasant weather ship under all sail standing to the S.W. 2 ships in sight at 4 P.M. veered ship to the S.E. Mid Part at 8 o'clock shortened sail & hauled aboard the main top sail at daylight filled away & kept off N.E. so ends this Day off North Pond

Wednesday the 11th

First Part one boat went ashore fishing the ship laying off & on at 7 o'clock the above mentioned boat returned with a large quantity of fish & seal skins Mid Part & Lat ship heading to the Westward so ends this Day Lat 00-12 South

Thursday the 12th

First Part light winds & pleasant weather ship heading to the S.W. the watch employed in ships duty Mid Part at 6 o'clock set boats crew watches Lat Part the watch employed in ships duty so ends this Day Lat 00-57 South

Friday the 13th

First & Mid Parts nothing of note Lat Part employed in squaring the main top sail so ends this Day Lat 02-13 South

Saturday the 14th

First Part employed as above Mid Part nothing of note Lat Part employed as above at 11 P.M. bent the main top sail so ends this Day Lat 03-38 South Long 97-31 West