

1833. Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

Remarks Wednesday 6th November

Begins with a strong gale from the southwest, clear weather and a heavy swell, laying under foresail and storm sails, towards morning it became quite moderate wth fore & main topsails jib & spanker, wth fine clear weather.
Employed in boiling, repairing a stowen board & other mending jobs.

Long Obs at 3 P.M. 38. 3. Lat. Ob. 37. 24

Thursday 7th Nov. Begins with a pleasant breeze from the westward and fair weather, and remained so till the middle when the wind headed to the northward, latter part quite a fresh breeze and clear.
Employed the first part in boiling, cleaning & bending bones mending the board &c, latter part breaking out for stowing oil.

Lat. Ob. 37. 34

Friday 8th Begins with a fresh breeze from the northward and fair weather, about 4 P.M. took in the fore & main topsails, thick & rainy, at 6 anchored the mainmast and wore to the northeast, in the course of the night the wind headed to S.W. strong winds in the morning but moderated towards noon, made all mending work. Employed the first part of the day in stowing down oil and cleaning up; latter part in various jobs.
Long Obs at 9 A.M. 39. 4 Lat. Ob. 37. 9.

Saturday 9th Begins with a fresh breeze from the westward and some clouds at 5 P.M. lowered for 2 light whals without success, latter part quite moderate and cloudy by spells, made all sail, wind at North.
Long Obs at 8 A.M. 38. 32. Lat. Ob. 37. 3.

Sunday 10th Begins with a strong breeze from the northeast and cloudy at 3 P.M. it began to rain took in the topgallant sails at 4 took 2 reefs in the fore & main topsails at 6 took in fore & main topsails & wth, about 12 M.M. the wind shifted in a squall to S.W. took in the foresail and hove too to the S.W. in the morning made some sail, the wind continued abating so that at 12 M.M. had all three topgallant sails set. Shered 12 M.M. & 12 all this day.
Lat. Ob. 36. 26.

Monday 11th Begins with a pleasant breeze from the eastward and fine weather some mending, in the night the wind headed to the north and died away at 5 the wind lowered from the south west but soon died again, the remainder of the day calm. at 6 A.M. lowered for whals which we judged to be sperm, but did not get the run of them out of the boat.
Lat. Ob. 36. 35.

James Townsend Master, on a whaling Voyage. 1833.

Remarks Tuesday 22nd October

2 5 1 S.W. S.W. Begins with a pleasant breeze and fine weather which continued till 6 P.M. latter part of the day a fresh breeze and flying clouds with squalls of rain.

4 5 1
6 5
8 5
10 5
12 5
2 4 1
4 4 1
6 4
8 5
10 5 1 S.W. S.W.
12 6

Saw a sail the latter part of the day to the south steering southeasterly

Employed in repairing sails &c

Lat. Ob. 24. 2

Remarks Wednesday 23rd October

2 6 S.W. N.W. Begins with a fresh breeze from the northward and fair weather, at 7 P.M. took in the mainmast & jib, at 9 P.M. a heavy squall of wind and rain from the S.W. took in the topgallant sails, jib, spanker & main topsails, and hove too in the fore & main topsails, latter part of the day more moderate made wood all mending work. The first part of the day worked the topmast & repaired it & bent it again, latter part sent down the fore & main mast yards, unloosed the sails, unrove the rigging &c.
Long Obs. at 1 P.M. 29. 2 Lat. Ob. 23. 33

Remarks Thursday 24th October

2 4 S.W. S.W. Begins with a fresh breeze from S.W. by E. and flying clouds, with a heavy sea from the southwest middle and latter part fine weather, the wind from easterly and some squalls.

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6 5
8 5
10 5
12 6
2 6 S.W. S.W.
4 6
6 6
8 6
10 6
12 6

Previously employed in ship's stowage.

Lat. Ob. 24. 7.