

1833. Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

H. H. H. Course Winds. L. M. Remarks Friday 25th October.

2	5	S. by E. S.E.	Begins with a pleasant breeze and fine weather the wind kept dying away so that the middle and evening calm after 9 P.M. a light breeze from the southeast, all necessary sail set.
4	4		
6	3		
8	3	E.	
10	2		
12	2	E. N. E.	The first part of the day employed in setting up the boats and other rigging about the lower part, latter part employed the mizen topmast repaired it & bent it again.
2	1		
4	1		
6	1		
8	2	S. by E.	
10	3	S. E.	
12	3		

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 31° 45'. Lat. Obs. 29° 56'.

H. H. H. Course Winds. L. M. Remarks Saturday 26th October

2	3	S. by E. S. E.	Begins with a moderate breeze from the southeast and clear weather, and continues much the same throughout the day.
4	3		
6	3		
8	3		
10	3		
12	3		
2	3		Variously employed in ship's duty
4	3	S. by E.	
6	3		
8	3		
10	3		
12	3	S. E.	

Lat. Obs. 28° 43'.

H. H. H. Course Winds. L. M. Remarks Sunday 27th October

2	3	S. by W. S. E.	Begins with light winds and clear weather middle a fresh breeze and some clouds died away again the latter part and clear
4	4		
6	5		
8	6		
10	7	S. by W. S. E.	Saw Albatrosses, Haylitts, &c.
12	7		
2	8		Variously employed the first part of the day latter part no duty but sailing ship
4	8		
6	8		
8	7		
10	6	S. N. E.	
12	5	N.	

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 33° 35'. Lat. Obs. 31° 10'

James Townsend Master; on a whaling voyage.

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Remarks.

Tuesday 12

Begins with light air from the southwest and fine weather at 3 P.M. lowered for a right whale which went off quick to the westward, saw a number of finbacks, later all the first part of the night, at 3 P.M. a fine breeze sprang up from the S.E., started ship, saw a right whale going quick to the S.E. did not lower, in the course of the forenoon lowered for a lone whale & afterwards for 2 without success.

Long. Obs. at 3 P.M. 41° 13' Lat. Obs. 36° 53'

Wednesday 13

Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.W. and clear weather at 4 P.M. lowered for a whale going to windward but did not get on to him. middle much as the first latter part thick & raining; in the forenoon took 2 ribs in the M. topsail and took in the mizen. started 1 P.M. 2 P.M., 3 P.M., 4 P.M., 5 P.M., 6 P.M., 7 P.M., 8 P.M., 9 P.M., 10 P.M., 11 P.M., 12 P.M., the remainder of the day.

No Obs.

Thursday 14

Begins with strong gales from the northeast and thick rainy weather at 2 P.M. took in the foresail and close reefed the main topmast and have too with head to the N.W. the wind hauled gradually to the westward, saw a right whale in the afternoon heading to the south at 2 P.M. wore ship to the north, in the morning a fresh breeze from the westward made more sail, in the forenoon the wind hauled to the south and quite moderate made all necessary sail. Saw a number of finbacks. Took in the waist boat at night and put her out again in the morning.

Lat. Obs. 37° 2'

Friday 15

Begins with moderate winds from the eastward and hazy weather middle very light, latter part light & baffling. Chased night whales twice in the forenoon without success.

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 46° 32' Lat. Obs. 37° 25'

Saturday 16

Begins with light air from the westward and afterwards to the northward, lowered 2 or three times for the whales we lowered for yesterday but without success, latter part a fresh breeze from the southward and a very sharp sea. Saw a number of finbacks.

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 46° 33' Lat. Obs. 37° 01'

Sunday 17

Begins with light winds from the southward and clear weather - or saw a number of finbacks, at sunset calm, in the morning a pleasant breeze from the northward, saw 5 or 6 sperm whales lowered and succeeded in killing one and took him along side and commenced cutting.