

1834. Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

H.	M.	Wk.	Course	Winds	W.	Remarks
2	5		W. by S.	S.E.		Begins with pleasant trades and fair weather middle a strong breeze, latter part much as the first.
4	5					
6	5					
8	6		W. S. W.			Employed in repairing a foresail, making smelt &c &c.
10	6					
12	6					
2	6					
4	6					
6	6		W. by S.			
8	5					
10	5					
12	5					Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 93.57 Lat. Ob. 8.59

H.	M.	Wk.	Course	Winds	W.	Remarks
2	5		W. by S.	S.E.		Begins with pleasant trades and fair weather middle much the same, latter part quite moderate.
4	5		W.			
6	4	1				
8	4	1				In the morning saw a great many blue fish, however the boats did not catch but one, boated him out with the one we got day before yesterday.
10	5					Variously employed in ships duty.
2	5					
4	5					
6	5		E.			
8	4	1				
10	4	1		S.E.		
12	4	1				Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 88.57 Lat. Ob. 8.57

H.	M.	Wk.	Course	Winds	W.	Remarks
2	4	1	W. by N.	S.E.		Begins with moderate winds and clear weather middle and latter part much as the first.
4	4	1				Saw a number of forbacks.
6	4	1				
8	4	1				
10	4	1				
12	4	1				Variously employed in mending, sails making smelt & ships duty.
2	4	1				
4	4	1		S.E.		
6	4	1				
8	4	1				
10	4	1		S.E.		
12	4	1				Long Obs. at 4.20.32 Lat. Ob. 7.23

James Townsend Master; on a whaling voyage 1834

Remarks. February

Friday 28 Begins with moderate winds from the S.E. and fair weather middle cloudy with showers of rain latter part broken clouds at 2 P.M. spoke ship Alexander, Swain of Nantucket 26 miles out 1600 bls. Employed in fitting & pulling on new job of flying masting etc. stays.
Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 105.5 Lat. Ob. 4.57

Saturday 29 Begins with moderate winds and cloudy weather middle and the most of the latter part rainy, broken clouds at the end of the day. Steered to the southwest till 6 P.M. tacked to the N.E. till 11 A.M. Stead to the southward the remainder of the day, the wind varying from S. to S.E. mostly from S.E.
Lat. Ob. 4.57

March

Sunday 2 Begins with strong winds and squally from the S.E. to S.W. some very heavy showers of rain, middle more moderate and broken clouds, latter part mostly fair weather excepting one rain squall at about 2 P.M. In the afternoon took in the fore & main topsails, at sunset took in the mainmast, in the course of the night the wind moderated. At 10 the reef, and the mainmast & flying topmast.
Long Obs. at 5.40 P.M. 106.16 Lat. Ob. 5.1

Monday 3 Begins with a fresh breeze and flying clouds, middle probably fair, latter part strong winds and clouds, Steered to the N.E. till sunset, wore to the south till 12 M.M. then to the N.E. till daylight, the latter part steered to the south.
Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 106.18 Lat. Ob. 5.7

Tuesday 4 Begins with a strong breeze and broken flying clouds, middle much the same, latter part very light squalls of rain. In the afternoon spoke ship Peter Blake, of Nantucket, had seen nothing since before spoken. Employed the latter part of the day in picking over potatoes, and mending other jobs.
Lat. Ob. 5.16

Wednesday 5 Begins with strong trades and broken clouds, middle cloudy latter part the wind fresh sometimes quite fresh and other light cloudy and some showers of small rain. Employed the first part of the day in picking over our potatoes, filled an open cask and lashed it on deck, latter part variously
Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 106.21 Lat. Ob. 4.57