

1834 Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

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James Townsend Master, on a whaling Voyage.

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Thursday 6 Begins with the wind from the southeast and very fair weather with light squalls of rain, at sunset took in the fly jib & Main and Mizzen topgallant sails & Main sail in the morning set the mainsail & M. T. gallant sail. Latter part of the day much as the first. Steered to the southward till 3 P.M. to the N.E. at 8 A.M. to the eastward. The remainder of the day.
Long Chr. at 4 P.M. 106° 10' Lat. Chr. 3° 1'

Friday 7 Begins with fresh winds from the S.E. and broken clouds and a few light squalls of rain, at night took in the Main sail and M. T. gallant sail, set the mainsail again in the morning, latter part strong winds and squalls as the first. Steered to the southward till 12 M. to the N.E. the rest of the day.
Long Chr. at 4 P.M. 106° 4' Lat. Chr. 3° 13'

Saturday 8 Begins with very strong winds from the S.E. and cloudy at 4 P.M. took in the Mainsail and one reef in the fore & Main top sails, middle and in the morning set the mainsail & M. T. gallant sail, latter part fresh winds, broken clouds and a sharp sea. Steered to the S.E. till 2 P.M. saw a break just before 2 but a squall came up saw nothing more. Steered to the S.E. till 4 P.M. to the S.E. the remainder of the day. Lat. Chr. 4° 34'

Sunday 9 Begins with a fresh breeze and a heavy sea, middle and latter part more moderate and much smoother, took in the Mainsail & Mizzen topgallant sail at night, in the morning let the reef and the top sail & set them again, at 10 A.M. set fly jib. Steered to the S.E. till 3 A.M. to the S.W. the rest of the day.
Long Chr. at 4 P.M. 105° 19' Lat. Chr. 3° 43'

Monday 10 Begins with a pleasant breeze from the S.E. and thin broken clouds, toward sunset the wind freshened, at sunset took in the Mizzen topgallant sail & Mainsail, at 9 P.M. the wind more moderate and clear, set the Mainsail, in the morning set the fly jib & Mizzen topgallant sail. Steered to the S.E. till 2 A.M. to the S.W. at 7 A.M. and to the S.W. the rest of the day.
A ship passed to windward at 9 P.M. called her the James of N.Y.
Long Chr. at 3 P.M. 105° 33' Lat. Chr. 4° 54'

Tuesday 11 Begins with a pleasant breeze from the S.E. and broken clouds with light squalls of rain, at 8 A.M. a squall from E. by N. middle nearly calm, latter part much as the first. Steered to the S.E. till 3 P.M. to the southward till 7 A.M. to the S.W. the rest of the day.
Long Chr. at 4 P.M. 106° 53' Lat. Chr. 4° 53'

Wednesday 24 Begins with a fresh breeze from S.E. and squalls of wind & rain, at 1 P.M. raised sperm whales going quick to the S.E. lowered & chased without success, middle and latter part a strong breeze but more steady; saw a finback whale going to leeward. Steered to the southward till 2 A.M. & to the S.W. the remainder.
Lat. Chr. 4° 24'

Thursday 25 Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.E. and cloudy, middle more calm latter part pretty fair weather. at 4 P.M. saw a school of sperm whales to windward going quick to the S.E. S.
Long Chr. at 4 P.M. 104° 15' Lat. Chr. 4° 40'

Friday 26 Begins with a fresh breeze and fair weather, middle and latter part much as the first. At 2 P.M. spoke ship George of N.Y. 15 months and 6 weeks. At 5 saw a school of sperm whales, hauled and chased in company with the George without success. At 8 P.M. saw a large whale going quick to the eastward, at 10 saw a number breaking which went out of sight to windward.
Long Chr. at 8 A.M. 104° 22' Lat. Chr. 4° 54'

Saturday 27 Begins a fresh breeze from the S.E. and flying squalls, middle more moderate and fair weather latter part a strong breeze, ahead and squalls of rain. Steered to the southward till 3 P.M. to the S.W. till 6 P.M. & to the south the rest of the day. Saw a whale to the N.E. in the forenoon going to windward judged it a finback. Saw a sail to leeward the latter part of the day.
Lat. Chr. 3° 44'

Sunday 28 Begins with a fresh from the S.E. and cloudy, middle and latter part light winds from S.E. to E. squally & rainy the greater part of the time. Steered to the N.E. till 3 P.M. to the S.W. 1 A.M. to the N.E. till 4 and to the south the rest of the time got the N.E.

Monday 29 Begins with strong winds from S.E. squally & rainy, middle and latter part broken clouds the weather tolerably fair with the exception of a few rain squalls. Steered to the southward till 6 P.M. to the N.E. the remainder of the day.

Long Chr. at 4 P.M. 104° 6' Lat. Chr. 4° 54'