

1834. Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

Remarks March

Sunday 30

Begins with a strong breeze from S.E. & cloudy, the wind soon began to moderate, a few squalls of small rain in the afternoon, middle and latter part a pleasant breeze and fine weather. Steered to the North-east all this day.

Long. Obs. at 8.20 A.M. 103.8. Lat. Obs. 41.11.

Monday 31

Begins with a moderate breeze from the S.E. and fine weather, middle and latter part much as the first. Steered to the southward till 6 P.M. to the N.E. till 12 P.M. and to the northward the remainder of the day.

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 103.20. Lat. Obs. 41.52.

April.

Tuesday 1st

Begins with a moderate breeze from the S.E. and flying clouds, middle much the same, latter part cloudy with light squalls of rain. Steered to the S.W. till 12 M. to the north-east till 6 P.M. to the southward till 8 P.M. to the north-east the rest of the day. Saw some pieces of squid.

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 104.5. Lat. Obs. 5.5.

Wednesday 2

Begins with moderate winds from the S.E. and fine weather, middle and latter part much as the first. Steered to the S.W. all these 24 hours.

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 103.51. Lat. Obs. 41.20.

Thursday 3

Begins with light winds from the S.E. and fine weather, middle some cloudy, latter part fair weather. Steered to the eastward till 4 P.M. to the S.W. till 8 P.M. and to the eastward the rest of the day. At 5 P.M. saw a sperm whale in air he bore 6 miles dist.

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 103.10. Lat. Obs. 41.13.

Friday 4

Begins with light winds from the S.E. and broken clouds, middle light air and clear, latter part much as the first. Steered to the Eastward till 12 M. the rest of the day the wind rather baffling, made several tacks.

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 102.44. Lat. Obs. 41.13.

James Townsend Master, on a whaling voyage.

Remarks. April.

Tuesday 29

Begins with a pleasant breeze and fine weather and remains much the same throughout the day; hunted about 8 A.M. for whales killed one and got him to the ship and commenced cutting. Two sail in sight to windward saw one of them get a net and did him in.

Long. Obs. at 4 P.M. 102.23. Lat. Obs. 5.13.

Wednesday 30

Begins with a pleasant breeze and fine weather which continued till 12 M. after that a fresh breeze and the latter part of the day quite rugged. Finished cutting in the whale and commenced boiling. Two sperm whales just at night about 3 miles dist. Tacked in sight the first part of the day, and one the latter part boiling. Steered to the southward till 12 M. and to the N.E. the rest of the day.

Long. Obs. at 2 P.M. 102.2. Lat. Obs. 5.41.

May

Thursday 1

Begins with a fresh breeze and fair weather, middle and latter part the wind rather more moderate but a sharp sea. Saw a ship to windward the first part of the day, & one to the windward and one to leeward the latter part. Steered to the N.E. & S.W. took in the fore-gallant mizen at night & lay with the Virgin Taper about & the foresail hauled up through the night; set the foresail and filled away at day light were ship to the south at 7 P.M. and commenced stowing down.

Long. Obs. at 10 A.M. 101.37. Lat. Obs. 3.44.

Friday 2

Begins with a pleasant breeze and fine weather, steered off to the N.W. till 2 P.M. finished stowing down the sail; in the morning made sail, & gunner covered for a sperm whale killed him and got him to ship & commenced cutting at 7 P.M. spoke ship & boiling.

Lat. Obs. 3.15.

Saturday 3

Begins with a pleasant breeze from the S.E. finished cutting, chum up the cheeks made sail & commenced boiling, very moderate till 11 P.M. latter part of the day fine weather. At 4 P.M. was spoken by ship Omega of Portland 350 bbls. Steered to the N.E. till 6 P.M. after that to the southward.

Long. Obs. at 3 P.M. 102.54. Lat. Obs. 5.34.

Sunday 4

Begins with a pleasant breeze & fine weather, middle the wind light, latter part a fresh breeze and broken clouds. Steered to the eastward till 7 P.M. to the S.W. till 9 and N.E. the rest of the day. Saw 2 sail to the northward.

Long. Obs. at 7 A.M. 102.14. Lat. Obs. 3.5.