

1834. Remarks on board Ship Tide of New Bedford

Remarks. May.

Monday 5th Begins with a pleasant breeze from the S.E. and fine weather, middle light winds, at 6 P.M. took in the jib, Spanker & M.S. the gallantails, finished taking in the afternoon; in the morning made all necessary sail. Steered N.E. till 6 P.M. to the E. by N. till 7 P.M. W. till 8 P.M. and S.W. the rest of the day. Light breeze at 9 A.M. 102° 15'. Lat. Obs. not very good. 4° 3' N.

Tuesday 6th Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.E. and broken clouds in the afternoon light showers of rain, at night took in the gallantails, mainmast, Spanker and on reef in the fore & main sails, until 11 P.M. much as the light, latter part light winds and fair weather. In the morning broke out at the M. hatchway and commenced steering down it.

Long Obs. at 9 A.M. 103° 7' Lat. Obs. 15° 11' N.

Wednesday 7th Begins with a light breeze and broken clouds and in the afternoon some showers of rain, middle a pleasant breeze and fair weather, latter part shows winds and rain, took in the gallantails & the jib, and with a fresh breeze & broken clouds finished stowing down the sail in the afternoon. Light breeze at 9 A.M. 103° 7' Lat. Obs. 5° 4' N.

Thursday 8th Begins with a fresh breeze and fair weather, middle and latter part much the same, in the afternoon and night, fair & clear, took in the sails. A ship in sight at 10 P.M. the latter part of the day. Light breeze at 9 A.M. 103° 29' 10 A.M. 105° 7' Lat. Obs. 5° 3' N.

Friday 9th Begins with a fresh breeze and fair weather, middle and latter part more moderate, latter part a fresh breeze and clear. Saw 3 sail the first part of the day, and 4 the latter part. Unbent the foremast and repaired it. Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 103° 16' Lat. Obs. 5° 3' N.

Saturday 10th Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.E. and broken clouds, middle and latter part more moderate, latter part strong wind and heavy weather. Saw several sail in the evening & the next day. At 5 P.M. spoke Ship Orion, Brock, of Nantucket. 500 tons. Unbent the mainmast and repaired it. Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 102° 56' Lat. Obs. 5° 3' N.

James Townsend Master; on a whaling Voyage.

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Remarks. June. Obs. 120° 8'

Wednesday 4th Begins with a light breeze from the S.E. and fair weather, middle and latter part a pleasant breeze and fine weather. Saw two sail to leeward in the afternoon, in the forenoon saw one to windward. In the morning broke out and stowed down the sail. Steered to the S. till 12 P.M. to the N.E. till 6 A.M. and to the S. till 11 A.M. Lat. Obs. 6° 22'

Thursday 5th Begins with a moderate breeze from the S.E. and fair weather, middle much the same, latter part a strong breeze. Saw one whale at 10 A.M. got fast to one with one iron which broke, chased at leeward without success. Ship Arcturion's boat chasing at the same time. Saw a ship to the leeward in the afternoon cutting. While off in the boats saw a brig returning to the westward.

Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 101° 11' Lat. Obs. 6° 8'

Friday 6th Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.E. and clear weather, middle some flying clouds & light showers of rain, latter part much as the first. At 10 P.M. commenced of the day the boat off the whales, latter part saw a finback. Steered to the N.E. till 5 P.M. after a while could not gain any on him with the ship, steered to the N.W. till 11 P.M. and to the S. till 10 A.M. S.E. till 11 P.M. the rest of the day. Long Obs. at 4 A.M. 100° 56' Lat. Obs. 6° 32'

Saturday 7th Begins with a strong breeze and flying clouds, middle quite moderate, latter a strong breeze and a heavy swell. Saw one sail and several finbacks. Steered N. till 6 P.M. took in the gallantails, mainmast & Spanker and steered to the N.E. made sail in the morning. Steered to the S. after 11 A.M. Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 101° 5' Lat. Obs. 5° 32' N.

Sunday 8th Begins with a strong breeze and flying clouds, middle a squall of wind & rain latter part much as the first. At 4 P.M. spoke ship Robine of N.Y. Port, and fell in with the Charles Brock, Glen, Nantucket 20 tons. and 1800. Three ships in sight in the morning. Took in the M.S. gallantails & mainmast at night, at 12 P.M. took 2 reefs in the fore & main on main & sprits in the morning made all necessary sail. Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 100° 53' Lat. Obs. 6° 9'

Monday 9th Begins with a strong breeze from S.E. and flying clouds, middle & latter part strong winds from S.E. & E.S.E. Two sail in sight the latter part of the day. Steered to the S.W. till 9 A.M. and to the S. the rest of the day. Long Obs. at 8 A.M. 100° 47' Lat. Obs. 6° 9'