

James Townsend Master; on a whaling voyage.

1834

Remarks. May.

Monday 23.

Begins with a pleasant breeze from the N.E. and fine weather, wind - all much the same, latter part a fresh breeze & flying clouds. A heavy squall from the N.E. all day. At 7 P.M. spoke ship *Perseus* - altered to the S.W. till 1 P.M. to the S.E. till 7 A.M. to the S. the rest of the day. Long sho. 104. 26. Lat. 38. 5. 48.

Tuesday 24.

Begins with a fresh breeze and fair weather, middle the wind rather more moderate, latter part a pleasant breeze & clear. Broke out and commenced steaming down the the oil. Saw a fish at 6 P.M. spoke ship *Omara*. Healer of *Montebello* 500 lbs. also - and ships in sight the latter part of the day.

Long sho. 104. 53

Lat. 38. 18

Wednesday 25.

Begins with a pleasant breeze and fine weather, middle the same, latter part the wind freshened some, but fine weather. Finished steaming down the oil the first part of the day. Saw several ships in the course of the day. Steered to the N.E. till 12 P.M. till 4 P.M. till 4 A.M. and to the N.E. the rest of the day.

Lat. 38. 18.

Thursday 26.

Begins with a pleasant breeze from E.S.E. and fine weather, middle much the same latter a squall of rain and moderate breeze. At 6 P.M. spoke ship *Gideon* *Hawland*, *Shearman*, of *New Bedford* 31 months out 2900. latter part of the day sent a boat on board and

Lat. 38. 5.

Friday 27.

Begins with a moderate breeze from the S.E. and fair weather, middle the wind heaved to the N.E. and very moderate, latter moderate moderate winds and clear weather. At 20 p.m. spoke ship 11 A.M. hoveed for whale, the *Pharus* boats hoveing, one of the boats got fast, Chased to leeward and got fast to one & the other

Lat. 38. 5. 40

Saturday 28.

Begins with light winds from N.E. and clear weather, at 6 P.M. the wind freshened from N.E. and a pleasant breeze all the remainder of the day. Got the whale to the ship & cut him in; at 5 P.M. hoveed for others but without success. Steered to the S.W. till 2 A.M. to the N.E. till 8 to the S. till 11 afterwards to the N.E.

Lat. 38. 6. 10

Tuesday 8

Begins with a strong breeze from the southeast hazy & cloudy by spells, middle much the same, latter part more moderate and flying clouds. Saw several finbacks. Steered to the N.E. till 6 A.M. & to the S. the rest of the day.

Long sho. 104. 3. Lat. 38. 3. 50. During the first part of this day the ship made a considerable water, having a sharp head head sea, the latter part went down into the fore peak and cut off the ends of the planks, perceived that where it came in but could not get to it to stop it.

Wednesday 9

Begins with a fresh breeze and fair weather, middle much the same, latter part a pleasant breeze and fair. In the morning broke out & steamed down the oil. Steered to the N.E. all the 24 hours

Long sho. 104. 38 Lat. 38. 12