

1834 Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

Remarks. August.

Friday 29 Begins with a fresh breeze and cloudy, middle much the same latter part a pleasant breeze and fair weather. The first part of the day put the boat that was mended over head & painted her, latter part employed in various jobs.

Lat. Obs. 118°

Saturday 30 Begins with a pleasant breeze from the S.W. and fair weather, middle cloudy, latter part much as the first. The first part employed variously, took in the waist & head and put out the one just painted, latter part, took the ceiling out of the waist head varnished her inside, did what was necessary and fixed her over head for painting. Made several tacks in the course of the 24 hours. Saw a sail the first part of the day standing in shore.

Lat. Obs. 110°

Sunday 31 Begins with a pleasant breeze and fair weather middle & latter part cloudy. The first part of the day painted the waist head and did sundry other jobs, latter part & nothing. Made several tacks the first part of the day, at 8 P.M. tacked off shore at 8 A.M. tacked in again.

No Obs.

September

Monday 1 Begins with a pleasant breeze from the S.W. and cloudy middle broken clouds, latter part quite fair. Saw a sail in the afternoon to the westward. Latter part of the day put out the waist head and took in the larboard head and began fixing her as the others. The Isle of Pata in sight bearing about S.E. at the end of the day.

Lat. Obs. 113° S.

Tuesday 2 Begins with a light breeze and broken clouds, middle a fair breeze, latter part much as the first. Painted the larboard head and did various other jobs. Spoke ship Envy (Charles of Providence) 3 Men and 250 lbs.

Lat. Obs. 112° 26'

Wednesday 3 Begins with a moderate breeze and cloudy, middle and latter part a pleasant breeze but cloudy, dark weather. Put out the larboard head and took in the starboard and fixed her as the others. Saw a sail to windward.

No Obs.

Thursday 4 Begins with a fine breeze and cloudy, middle quite fresh. Took in the Vails, latter part much as the first. Saw a sail in the morning, variously employed. Steered to the southwest at this day.

Lat. Obs. 112° 30'

James Townsend Master on a whaling voyage.

Remarks. September

Friday 5 Begins with a pleasant breeze and cloudy weather, middle a strong breeze and driving by squalls latter part much as the first. Employed in various jobs. Steered to the S.W. all this day.

Lat. Obs. 115° 7'

Saturday 6 Begins with a moderate breeze and broken clouds, middle much the same, latter part clear weather. Variously employed. Steered to the S.W. by N. all this day.

Lat. Obs. 115° 18'

Sunday 7 Begins with a pleasant breeze and clear weather, middle and latter part much the same. Steered to the S.W. & S.E. all this day. Employed in various jobs the first part of the day.

Lat. Obs. 113°

Monday 8 Begins with a pleasant breeze and clear weather, middle and latter part a fresh breeze and broken clouds. Employed the latter part of the day in fitting new cutting block & Long. for lunar at 1 P.M. 87° 24'

Lat. Obs. 113° 16'

Tuesday 9 Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.W. and fair weather middle and latter part strong winds and flying clouds. At 7 A.M. saw a shoal of sperm whales which went off quick to the windward. Employed as yesterday.

Lat. Obs. 116° 18'

Wednesday 10 Begins with a strong breeze and flying clouds, middle very fresh in the fore & main Topgallant sails & one reef in the fore top sail, latter part the weather much as the middle. Sent down the fore & main head yards and unreef the rigging.

Lat. Obs. 116° 5'

Thursday 11 Begins with a strong breeze and flying clouds, middle and latter part much the same. At 3 P.M. lowered for whales succeeded in getting one, another head and part, but got up and stove her badly taking her in, latter part of the day out on the whale, fitted the boats and did sundry other jobs.

Lat. Obs. 117° 18'

Friday 12 Begins with strong winds and rugged with flying clouds, and continues much the same throughout the day; The first part of the employed in cutting up the whale & minding, at 4 P.M. began hauling, took in the mainsail at 7 A.M., some employed in repairing the stern head.

Lat. Obs. 118°