

1834. Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford.

Remarks. September.

Saturday 13

Begins with strong winds and flying clouds, in the afternoon took in the job & spanker and double reefed the main topsails, middle & latter part the weather much as the first. Baled out the whale, and worked on the boat. The ship made some more water than usual. Lat. Ob. 8. 59.

Sunday 14

Begins with strong winds and flying clouds, with light squalls of small rain, middle much the same, latter part rather more moderate, let a reef out of the fore & main topsails. Employed on the boat the first part of the day, latter part Sunday. Lat. Ob. 10. 17.

Monday 15

Begins with a fresh breeze and flying clouds, set the M.S. gallant sail, middle and latter part quite moderate, set fore & main topsails. Employed the latter part of the day on the boat & other necessary jobs. Long Obs at 4 P.M. 31. 48. Lat. Ob. 11. 43.

Tuesday 16

Begins with a fresh breeze and broken clouds, and light showers of rain, and continues much the same throughout the day. Various employed on the boat, making topgallant sails for the bitches and Sunday other jobs. Lat. Ob. 13. 10.

Wednesday 17

Begins with a pleasant breeze and thin clouds, middle same equally latter part a moderate breeze from the eastward and fine weather. Stowed S.B. wind at East this day. Employed in fitting a new foresail & M.S. gallant sail. Lat. Ob. 15. 14.

Thursday 18

Begins with a moderate breeze and fair weather, middle and latter part the wind much as the first, from S.E. and cloudy. Employed in fitting the sails & packing them away again in cask; stowing down the oil from the last whale and various other jobs. Lat. Ob. 16. 36.

Friday 19

Begins with a fine breeze from S.E. and cloudy, middle much the same, latter part a strong breeze and broken clouds. Worked on old foretop sail and bent another & various employed therein. Lat. Ob. 18. 19.

Saturday 20

Begins with a strong breeze from the eastward and flying, with squalls of rain, middle very fresh, took a reef in the topsails, latter part much the same, set the M.S. gallant sail, but soon took it in again. Lat. Ob. 20. 00.

Sunday 21

Begins with strong breeze from the eastward and flying clouds, middle much the same double reefed the topsails, latter part much as the first, took in the spanker. Lat. Ob. 21. 28.

James Townsend Master, on a whaling voyage.

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Monday 3

Begins with a light breeze from the northwest and thin flying clouds, middle and latter part a pleasant breeze. Nothing worthy of notice transpired this day. Long Obs at 9 A.M. 87. 3. Lat. Ob. 32. 53.

Tuesday 6

Begins with a pleasant breeze from the northwest and thin clouds, middle thick & a fresh breeze & rain, latter part the wind light thick & driven by squalls. Stowed S.B. by 2 P.M. 7. 41. Then S.E. till 12 M. Lat. Ob. 34. 24.

Wednesday 7

Begins with a light breeze from the eastward and flying clouds, middle the wind shifted to S. and squally, took in the foregallant sail. Two reefs in the topsails & took in the job, towards the middle more moderate let a reef out of the topsails, set job & M.S. gallant sail. Lat. Ob. 35. 10.

Thursday 8

Begins with a strong breeze from the South and flying broken clouds, let a reef out of the topsails & set the M.S. gallant sail. Towards the middle the wind freshened & squally high in the foregallant sail & double reefed the topsails, at 6 P.M. took in the job & main sail, at the remainder of the day strong gales & squalls of rain. Long Obs at 9 A.M. 84. 7. New ship 2. 2 M. Lat. Ob. 35. 39.

Friday 9

Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.E. and cloudy, middle much the same, latter part the wind more moderate, let a reef out of the fore and main topsails. Stowed S.B. this day. Saw a fishback in the forenoon. Lat. Ob. 36. 14.

Saturday 10

Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.E. and flying clouds, middle cloudy, latter part a pleasant breeze, about 11 A.M. set the foregallant sail. at 11 A.M. raised a sperm whale to the northward, set off a spell & have too. Lat. Ob. 37. 36.

Sunday 11

Begins with a pleasant breeze from the S.E. and hard clouds, moderate throughout the day. At 2 P.M. towed for a sperm whale & succeeded in killing him and getting him along side, latter part of the day cut him in. Lat. Ob. 36. 26.

Monday 12

Begins with light winds from the southwest and thin clouds, middle light airs from the northward, latter part calms till 9 A.M. when a light breeze sprang up from the northward. Boiling all day. Lat. Ob. 36. 46.

Tuesday 13

Begins with a moderate breeze from the westward and fair, at 4 P.M. the wind shifted suddenly to S.E. and became up fresh with fine rain took in the foregallant sail, job & spanker and two reefs in the topsails, latter part a fresh breeze & fair. Finished baling, broke out & commenced stowing down the oil. Lat. Ob. 37. 17.