

1834. Remarks on board ship Nile of New Bedford

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Tuesday 14 Begins with a fresh breeze from the south and fair weather, middle and latter part the wind more moderate and hard clouds. The first part of the day finished stowing down the oil, at 7 1/2 A.M. lowered for sperm whales with - and success, chasing with the ship & boats all the rest of the day.
Lat. Ob. 39° 14'

Wednesday 15 Begins with a fresh breeze from the S. by W. and hard clouds, middle the wind quite moderate, latter part light winds and calm. Chased whales till about sunset without success, latter part broke out the after hold after various articles.
Mo. Ob.

Thursday 16 Begins with light airs from the S.W. and cloudy, middle and latter part the wind at W. and very light, & fair weather. Various employed.
Lat. Ob. 39° 37' S.

Friday 17 Begins with a light breeze from the westward and fair weather - or middle much the same except the wind which veered to the S.W. latter part a pleasant breeze from the westward. Shifted some water out of cask that wanted repairing.
Long Obs. at 8 A.M. 81° 16' Lat. Ob. 38° 37'.

Saturday 18 Begins with a pleasant breeze from N.E. and fair weather, middle much the same, latter part heavy fog quite thick. About 4 P.M. lowered for blackfish and killed three, latter part of the day began boiling them out. Sailed E. till 8 P.M. 39° 41' the rest of the day.
Lat. Ob. 38° 41'.

Sunday 19 Begins with a pleasant breeze from the westward and heavy middle foggy, latter part the wind hauled round to the S.E. and cleared up the fog, a fresh breeze & hard clouds all the day.
Long Obs. at 1 P.M. 78° 42' 38° 48'.

Monday 20 Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.E. and flying clouds, middle and latter part much the same. Sailed to the S.E. at 8 P.M. to the S.W. till 12 M. to the S. and to the S.E. the rest of the day. Took on the job of Spanker at 7 P.M. and set them again at 8 P.M.
Lat. Ob. 38° 44'

Tuesday 21 Begins with a strong breeze from the S.E. and clear weather, middle much the same, latter part more moderate. At 7 P.M. took in the job of Spanker, and double reefed the topsails, in the morning made sail again, at the end of the day had all sail.
Lat. Ob. 38° 44'

Wednesday 22 Begins with a pleasant breeze from the S. and fair weather, middle much the same, latter part the wind from S.W. Sailed to the S.E. till 12 M. to the S.W. till 4 P.M. and S.E. & S. the rest of the day. Saw 3 flocks in the forenoon. Green water.
Lat. Ob. 39° 21'

James Townsend Master, on a whaling voyage.

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Thursday 23 Begins with a moderate breeze from the southward and fine weather, middle and latter part very light winds. Sailed to the S.E. at 6 P.M. to the S.W. till 12 M. to the S.E. till 9 A.M. and to the westward the rest of the day. Saw the land at 6 P.M. bearing about S.E. and again in the morning.
Long Obs. at 4 P.M. 75° 00' Lat. Ob. 39° 33' S.

Friday 24 Begins with a light breeze from the southward and fair weather, middle the wind hauled to S.E. and breeze fresh, took in the topgallant sails and a reef in the topsails, latter part a fresh breeze from S.E. & S. and flying clouds. The first part of the day employed in shifting water out of cask that wanted repairing into others. In the course of the night some of the crew designed by some of their sweeping brooms overboard but two, latter part of the day all hands employed in making others.
Lat. Ob. 39° 24'

Saturday 25 Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.E. and flying clouds, towards the middle it began to moderate, latter part moderate, fine weather and a heavy swell from the S.W.
Lat. Ob. 39° 34'

Sunday 26 Begins with light winds from the southward and fine weather, middle and latter part the same. Nothing happened worthy of notice this day.
Lat. Ob. 39° 47'

Monday 27 Begins with a light breeze from the southward and fair weather, middle the wind hauled to the westward, at 6 P.M. tacked to the S.E. latter part a pleasant breeze from S.W. by W. and thin fog. Various employed. Sailed N.E. after the wind hauled to the westward.
Lat. Ob. 39° 23'

Tuesday 28 Begins with a light breeze from the S.W. and heavy weather, middle foggy, latter part thin flying clouds. Sailed S.E. at 11 A.M. to the S.W. till 12 M. At night took a reef in the fore & main topsails and let them out again in the morning.
Lat. Ob. 42° 36'

Wednesday 29 Begins with a moderate breeze from the westward and heavy weather, middle the wind very light, latter part quite a fresh breeze and flying clouds. In the afternoon lowered for a right whale without success, going quite to the westward; in the forenoon lowered for right whales and succeeded in killing two which were.

Thursday 30 Begins with a fresh breeze from the westward and cloudy middle and latter part much the same only the wind veered to S.W. In the first part of the day killed a right whale & cut him in, latter part killed another & commenced cutting.
Lat. Ob. 43° 54'