

1834 Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford.

Remarks. October

Friday 31

Begins with a fresh breeze from the N.W. and cloudy, middle rainy & thick fog till 11 P.M. then the wind hauled to the westward and broken clouds, latter part a fresh breeze from the westward and fair weather. Killed two whales in the forenoon one of which sunk, the other took along side.

Lat. Obs. 44° 11.

November.

Saturday 1

Begins with a pleasant breeze and fair weather, middle much the same, latter part a strong breeze from the N.W. and rugged. Under the whale the first part of the day, latter part booby & scraping & bundling bone.

Lat. Obs. 44° 27.

Sunday 2

Begins with a fresh breeze from the westward, cloudy and a rain squall just after noon. Strong gales and fair the rest of the day. The first part of the day steered down the side, latter part of the day chasing whales but without success.

Lat. Obs. 44° 36.

Monday 3

Begins with a strong breeze from N.W. middle and latter part squally. Soon after noon, lowered for a whale & succeeded in killing him. Took him to the ship & cut him in, the rest of the day booby & scraping bone &c.

Lat. Obs. 44° 47.

Tuesday 4

Begins with strong gales from the westward and very fluky, a very high sea from the S.W. middle and latter part much the same. Succeeded in killing in the forenoon, broke out the after hold and commenced stowing down the oil.

Lat. Obs. 44° 48.

Wednesday 5

Begins with a fresh breeze from the westward and cloudy, middle rather more moderate, latter part still more so and thin clouds. A single reefed topsail, jib & spanker and in the forenoon set the gallion sail. The first part of the day finished stowing down the oil, latter part of the day lowered for a right whale succeeded in killing him but he sunk.

Lat. Obs. 44° 48.

Thursday 6

Begins with strong breezes from N.W. and hazy, took in the top gallion sail, jib & spanker at 6 P.M. clouds swept the topsail & furled the topsail, middle rainy, latter part more moderate made all reefing sail. In the afternoon sent down the top gallion yard & unlaid the sail. Cleared to the S.W. at 2 P.M. to the S.W. till 12 M. to the N. till 4 P.M. to the S.W. & to the N. the rest of the day.

Lat. Obs. 44° 48.

James Townsend Master, on a whaling voyage.

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Friday 7

Begins with a fresh breeze from the N.W. and steady, towards the middle the wind freshened both in the jib & spanker, at 6 P.M. took in the fore topsail & set the spanker, at 9 P.M. lowered the main & mizen topsails. Strong gales & some rain through the night, at 6 A.M. set the spanker & took in the mizen topsail & reefed the foresail & took in the spanker & foresail and took in the main head, the wind from N.W. lowered for whales in the afternoon without success. Day headed to the S.W. & S. the most of the day. Lat. Obs. 45° 10.

Saturday 8

Begins with a heavy gale from N.W. and flying clouds, towards the middle rather more moderate. set reefed foresail & reefed spanker. Latter part rather more moderate made all reefing sail. at 11/2 A.M. lowered for a whale without success, very rugged.

Long Obs. at 2 P.M. 49° 11.

Lat. Obs. 45° 13.

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Sunday 9

Begins with a fresh breeze from the westward and flying clouds, middle and latter part squalls of rain. took in the foretopsail at 6 P.M. Unlaid the foresail in the afternoon, reefed it & bent it again, at 4 A.M. lowered the main & mizen topsails. Took in the foresail, rather more moderate at the end of the day.

Lat. Obs. 45° 41.

Monday 10

Begins with strong gales from N.W. and flying clouds, the wind much the same throughout the day, but the middle and latter part squalls of rain. at 12 M. took in the foresail, & at 3 P.M. took in the mizen topsail. In the forenoon sent down the foretopgallion mast.

Lat. Obs. 45° 46.

Tuesday 11

Begins with a strong gale from N.W. & squalls of rain, middle much the same, latter part the wind quite moderate with a heavy swell from the south. Saw a ship at daylight steering to the N.W. & at 7 A.M. tacked to the southward.

Lat. Obs. 45° 48.

Wednesday 12

Begins with a fresh breeze from N.W. and flying clouds, middle strong gales, thick & rainy, at 7 A.M. the wind veered to N.W. and moderate made all reefing sail. at 3 P.M. lowered for whales without success, very rugged.

Lat. Obs. 45° 11.

Thursday 13

Begins with a moderate breeze from the westward, flying clouds and a very heavy swell from the S.W. middle the wind from N.W. and rainy, at 4 A.M. the wind shifted to N. a little fresh & the swell ceased, ends with a fresh breeze & fair. at 1 P.M. from N.W. clear, Hatterbury of Maine & Mrs. and 9 whales.