

1834. Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

Remarks. November

Friday 14

Begins with a strong breeze from the westward and heavy weather with a rough sea, middle and latter part the wind quite much - made land S.W. but a heavy swell. Landed for whales and killed one in the afternoon which sunk, in the forenoon lowered again & killed two which also sunk; struck another which parted the line, saw a brig at 6 A.M. during the M. Lat. Ob. 43° 18'.

Saturday 15

Begins with light winds from the N.W. and fair weather at 6 P.M. a light breeze sprang up from the eastward, latter part a fresh breeze from E. & S. & S. E. In the afternoon lowered for a Whale which went off to the westward, latter part of the day lowered two boats for a whale which went to the westward. Saw a Brig in the forenoon steering about N.W. Lat. Ob. 44° 11'.

Sunday 16

Begins with a strong breeze from the eastward and clear weather, took in the M. T. galliot and one in the S. & W. T. sprits, at 1 P.M. took in the S. & W. T. sprits, and the sprits in the main, at 2 P.M. took in the foremast, latter part of the day the wind from S.W. at 8 A.M. cleared the M. T. sprit. In the afternoon lowered the main sprits and repaired it. Long. Obs. at 9 A.M. 77° 28' Lat. Ob. 44° 23'.

Monday 17

Begins with strong gales from the S.W. and flying clouds, middle much the same, latter part more moderate made all necessary sail. Saw several whales going to seaward Lat. Ob. 44° 9'.

Tuesday 18

Begins with strong gales from the S.W. and fair weather, middle and latter part quite moderate. Landed in the afternoon for whales and succeeded in killing two, one of which sunk, got the other to the ship, in the morning cut him in lowered for whales again, got fast with one head, but he left the boat and had to cut. Lat. Ob. 43° 53'.

Wednesday 19

Begins with a moderate breeze from the S.W. and fair weather, about 3 P.M. lowered for whales succeed in killing one, got one boat stow, took the whale to the ship & cut him in finished at 10 P.M. latter part of the day backing & mending the mainmast. Lat. Ob. 43° 53'.

James Townsend Master, on a whaling Voyage.

Remarks. December

Thursday 5

Begins with a strong breeze from the N.W. & squally middle much the same, latter part more moderate, & clear. Hailing down to wit & shifting water all day. Lat. Ob. 43° 53'.

Friday 6

Begins with a fresh breeze from the S.W. and fair weather middle cloudy & the wind S.W. latter part the wind from S. and rather more moderate, set the fore & main sprits, Jib, Spanker & M. T. Galliot. Saw no whales this day. The first part of the day stowed some water and cleaned up the decks, latter part variously employed. Lat. Ob. 43° 27'.

Saturday 7

Begins with a fresh breeze from the southward and fair weather, middle cloudy latter part squalls of rain. Scraped & banded some bone the first part of the day spoke a ship from St. Malo. & 2 Whales. Long Obs. at 3 P.M. 78° 38'. Lat. Ob. 43° 33'.

Sunday 8

Begins with a fresh breeze from the south and cloudy, middle the wind quite light, latter part the wind veered to N.W. Steered to the S.W. & the fore of the line. Saw the land in the forenoon bearing about E. Lat. Ob. 44° 12'.

Monday 9

Begins with a light breeze from the N.W. and cloudy, middle the wind veered to N.W. by N. latter part thick & rainy and a strong breeze took in the mainmast, Jib, Spanker and two sails in the foremast. A ship in sight to the eastward, kept off for her & ends the day. No Obs.

Tuesday 10

Begins with a moderate breeze from the westward and cloudy, middle much the same, latter part light winds & clear, at 1 P.M. spoke ship. Prangland, Bumpus of Havre. latter part of the day lowered for whales, struck one but parted the line. Lat. Ob. 44° 20'.

Wednesday 11

Begins with a light breeze from the northward and fair weather middle much the same, latter part the wind from N. and freshened to a gale. The first part of the day lowered for whales struck one but got loose, struck another killed him & took him to the ship, in the morning cut him in & commenced baling, but coming on, stopped & ran quite baling. Saw the Prangland to the north in company with another ship. No Obs.

Thursday 12

Begins with strong gales from the northward and squalls of rain, took in the foremast, middle much the same, wind veered to N. latter rather more moderate set the foremast and commenced baling at 8 A.M. set the main sprits. Scraped & banded the bone, and began repairing a head. A ship in sight to the eastward, at 8 A.M. was in sight to the northward. Lat. Ob. 45° 35'.

Friday 13