

1834. Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

Remarks. December.

Saturday 13

Begins with a fresh breeze from the Westward and flying clouds middle quite moderate set the job & let 2 reefs out of the main top sail latter part a pleasant breeze and fair weather, set the main sail spanker, & Mr. T. gallant sail, and let the reef out of the main & fore top sails. Steered to the northward till 7 P.M. & the southward till 12 P.M. to the northward the most of the day afterwards. At 8 A.M. heaved for two right whales without success. Saw two ships to the eastward.

Lat. 43° 53'

Sunday 14

Begins with a fresh breeze from the westward, and cloudy middle more moderate, from 4 A.M. till the wind increased gradually to a heavy gale at 6 P.M. covered the main top sail and furlled the main at 7 took in the fore sail, at 10 took in the main top sail, took in the main spanner & the board off the fore. Steered to the S.W. till 4 P.M. to the N.W. till 8 P.M. to the S.W. till 11 to the N.W. the rest of the day. Heavy gales & a bad sea ends the day.

Lat. 43° 53'

Monday 15

Begins with heavy gales from N.W. and squalls of rain, middle rather more moderate, latter part westerly winds from the S.W. sometimes very fresh & very quite moderate, on the forenoon set the main spanner & put the barrel on the fore spanner. Broke out the after hold for stowing down. Lay headed to the N.W. till 4 P.M. then wore to the South.

Lat. 43° 53'

Tuesday 16

Begins with a fresh breeze from the N.W. and flying cloud with squalls of rain, middle more moderate, latter part a fresh breeze, set the fore & main top sails, let two reefs out of the main, and set the fore & spanner. Stowed down the oil the first part of the day.

Long. 68° 28' 40" W

Wednesday 17

Begins with a strong breeze from the southward and squalls of rain middle much the same, latter part quite moderate, made all sail. Steered to the northward, till 7 P.M. to the S. till 11 and to the N.W. till the end of the day.

Lat. 43° 38'

Long. 68° 17' 40" W

Thursday 18

Begins with a moderate breeze from the S.W. and fair weather middle the wind at S.E. and light, latter part the wind from S.E. and a pleasant breeze, Steered to the S.W. & S by the wind all day. A ship in sight to the N.W. the latter part of the day.

Long. 68° 17' 40" W

Lat. 43° 18'

James Townsend Master, on a whaling voyage.

1835.

Remarks. January.

Friday 2

Begins with a strong breeze from the West, and flying clouds and a very bad sea obscured the main top sail, middle rather more moderate, latter part quite moderate & clear at the fore & main top sails & let a reef out of the main. Employed in baiting & stowing down oil.

Lat. 43° 53'

Saturday 3

Begins with a fresh breeze from the westward and fair weather middle quite moderate, latter part a fresh breeze & cloudy. Saw several whales in the morning, killed one & cut him in. The first part of the day stowed down some oil in the after hold, & finished baiting. No. 1.

Sunday 4

Begins with a fresh breeze from N.W. and cloudy, middle the same from N. & foggy, latter part the wind moderate. Killed a whale in the afternoon which sunk, latter part of the day heeled two, got one to the deck and cut him in. Saw several whales in the forenoon.

No. 2.

Monday 5

Begins with a light breeze from the westward and foggy by night, middle much the same, latter part quite a fresh breeze thick & rainy. The first part of the day got the whale to the ship and cut him in, latter part broke out the after hold, started some flour, bran & and began stowing down oil.

Tuesday 6

Begins with a fresh breeze from N.W. and fair weather middle rather moderate, ends with nearly a calm. Employed in baiting, stowing down oil and mending other necessary jobs.

Lat. 43° 10'

Wednesday 7

Begins with a light breeze from N.W. and clear weather, middle a fresh breeze & broken clouds, the latter part westerly breeze from N.W. & cloudy. About noon heaved two boats for whales without success, about 5 P.M. heaved again one boat which got part of me, toward the end had a success in killing the whale and got him to the ship, latter part of the day cut him in.

Lat. 43° 10'

Thursday 8

Begins with a strong breeze from the west, wind and cloudy, middle the wind quite light and foggy, latter part clear, made all sail. Saw a large sperm whale the first part of the day going very slow to the westward too sluggish to lower, latter part saw a school of sperm whales and a right whale to windward. Employed the first part of the day in stowing down oil between decks, latter part setting up sheets, rigging line & mending other jobs.

Lat. 43° 19'

Friday 9

Begins with light winds and baffling from S.W. & W. and clear weather at 11 P.M. the breeze from S. and rainy, latter part calm & clear. Employed the first part of the day in baiting, scrubbing, setting up sheets & the latter part finished baiting and stowed down the oil.

Lat. 43° 53'