

1835 Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

Remarks. January.

Saturday 10

Begins with calm and clear weather, middle a light breeze from the southward and cloudy, latter part the wind bore from the westward, made all sail in the morning. Employed the first part of the day in stowing oil between decks, latter part scraping, baring, setting of shooks and similar other jobs.

Long Obs at 9 A.M. 80° 27.

Lat. Obs. 44° 53.

Sunday 11

Begins with a fresh breeze from N.W. and flying clouds at 2 P.M. took in the M.S. gaffersails, mainsail & double reefed the topsails, at 5 P.M. took in the Foretopsail, jib & Spanker and covered the Main topsail, middle specially took in the Foremain, in morning under main mast & banded at the foremast & covered the Main topsail at 8 set the Foretopsail & at one reef of the Main & Main topsails, a strong breeze and cloudy ends. Thru day saw a ship in the afternoon steering to the northward. Hauled to the S.W. at 12 A.M. to the North the rest of the day.

No Obs.

Monday 12

Begins with a strong gale from N.W. and thick hazy weather soon after Mord. took in the fore & Main topsails, at 3 P.M. took in the foremast, covered the Main topsail and took in the wind bair, strong gales and squally through the night, latter part the wind more moderate, banded the Main topsail to repair.

Lat. Obs. 44° 11.

Tuesday 13

Begins with a fresh breeze from N.W. and fair weather at dusk reefed the topsails, unlent the foremast & mended it, at 6 P.M. took the Foremast & Main topsail and set them, middle the wind very fresh covered the M. topsails, at 1 P.M. took in the fore & Main topsails, at 2 took in the foremast, latter part rather more moderate at the foremast. The ship makes more water as she grows deeper, we judge that the leak is high up forward, for when it is smooth she makes but very little.

Lat. Obs. 44° 27.

Wednesday 14

Begins with a strong breeze from the N.W. and flying clouds at 4 P.M. very fresh took in the foremast, middle a heavy gale at 10 P.M. turned up the larboard quarter boat, after 12 M.P. the wind rather abated, latter part of the day quite moderate, at the foremast, fore & Main topsails & jib. Lay headed to the South till 4 A.M. when the wind veered to S.W. were ship to the westward.

Lat. Obs. 44° 38.

Thursday 15

Begins with a moderate breeze from the S.W. and fair weather, middle the wind very light, latter part a pleasant breeze & clear weather. Hauled to the westward till 4 P.M. to the S.W. till 9, S.W. till 12 A.M. & to the S.W. till 6, and to the Northward the rest of the day. Saw a large steam ship to the Northward.

Long Obs at 10 A.M. 80° 11.

Lat. Obs. 44° 22.

James Townsend Master, on a whaling Tugger.

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Friday 28

Begins with a strong breeze from N.W. thick & rainy weather, and the clear by spells, latter part a strong gale from the westward and flying clouds. Steered to the S. till 6 P.M. to the N.W. till 1 P.M. to the S.W. till 9 A.M. and to the N.W. till 4 P.M. the rest of the day. Employed in cutting up the whale and repairing the S. topsail.

Lat. Obs. 43° 41.

Saturday 29

Begins with a fresh breeze from the Westward and flying clouds, middle quite moderate except squalls, latter part moderate breeze from N.W. and fair weather. Commenced bairing the first part of the day, and repaired the S. topsail and bent it, latter part scraped & banded the bone.

Long Obs at 4 P.M. 83° 50.

Lat. Obs. 44° 51.

Sunday 30

Begins with a fresh breeze from the N.W. and clear weather, middle the wind veered to N.W. and increased, at night took in the M.S. gaffersails, jib, fore & Main topsails, and double reefed the topsails, at 12 M. covered the Main topsail, latter part of the day a strong gale from N.W. and thick hazy weather. Soon after Mord. began for a night whaling without success, going quick to the westward. Latter part of the day boomed and clamed down the mast.

Long Obs at 3 P.M. 84° 10.

Lat. Obs. 43° 55.

Monday 31

Begins with a strong breeze from the northward and hazy weather under short sail, at 4 P.M. got started up the decks and were ship to the N.W. and took in the foremast and set the fore & Main topsails from the northward, thick weather and rainy by spells all the rest part of the day.

Lat. No Obs.

February.

Tuesday 1

Begins with a strong breeze from the Northward and thick rainy weather at 5 P.M. the wind veered to S. and abated off, a strong breeze from the westward all the rest of the day and clear the most of time.

Long Obs at 9 A.M. 88° 29.

Lat. Obs. 43° 51.

Wednesday 2

Begins with a strong breeze from the westward and fair weather, middle the wind from N.W. and squalls of rain, latter part the wind from N.W. and flying clouds. Steered to the northward by the wind till 9 A.M. then S.W. till 4 P.M. the rest of the day. Unbent the Main topsail in the morning and began repairing it. The day ends with a fresh breeze, and a single reefed fore & Main topsails, jib & Spanker.

Long Obs at 9 A.M. 83° 21.

Lat. Obs. 44° 40.