

1835. Remarks on board Ship Nile of New Bedford

Remarks. February.

Saturday 28

Begins with a light breeze from the northward and clear weather, middle flying clouds with showers of rain at 11 P.M. The wind veered to the S.E. latter part the wind from E. and clear weather. The Island of Natch to the S.E. and three sail in sight under the Island.

March Sunday 1

Begins with a fresh breeze from the southward and clear weather middle calm except light puffs from the northward, latter part a pleasant breeze from the north and flying clouds. At the commencement of the day all hands were called to turn to when T. B. Churchill, Chas. Nichols, C. Wheeler, Wm. Mitten, Wm. Shockley & Wm. Thompson would not at first come on deck, but finally did, and on being apprised T. B. Churchill made use of a puny & insolent language to the command for which the Master showed him forward when he (Churchill) clenched a handkerchief which being taken from him he threw a south house and threatened to let the foremast go and that took hold of him, and Wm. Shockley, C. Nichols, C. Wheeler & Wm. Mitten appeared ready to assist him should any one attempt to. They all finally turned in and should some water and did other necessary jobs.

Monday 2

Begins with a pleasant breeze from the northward and flying clouds, middle the wind very light, latter part a pleasant breeze and foggy. At 6 P.M. Indian Head bore N.E. in the morning at 8 P.M. employed the latter part of the day in shifting the sails out of the cabin into the sail room.

Tuesday 3

Begins with a light breeze from the northward and flying clouds, middle light air and clear, at 2 A.M. the wind veered to W. latter part a very light breeze from the southward & clear. The first part of the day went the small barrow and unmoored the anchor from over the Cat Head, latter part shifted some coals for cooking, and lowered and chased two whales which we called right whales but they were going so quick to the north that we could not get with them. The north point of St. Mary's Island bore S.E. at 12 M. Sent up the M. kil gavel & at the sail.

Wednesday 4

Begins with a light breeze from the south, and clear weather at 2 P.M. a pleasant breeze, set J. S. Studding sail and started N.E. for Salsabano, at sunset found we could not get in took in sail and hauled off by the wind. Saw a right whale at 6 P.M. lowered two boats but the ship started him. At 12 M. took in in the morning made all sail and run in for the Bay, at 9 A.M. got the Bay open and hauled too by the wind and worked up to the anchorage in company with an English barque, at 2 P.M. came too with the small barrow in about 7 fathoms water. Found the place nearly destroyed by an earthquake about 12 days since. Found Ship School of Barton & Mitten, Casland & Conal. Subaltern of New Bedford lying here, also large Active of Salem.

End. C. C.

James Townsend Master, on a whaling voyage.

Remarks. Friday 10 April.

H.	K.	H.	Course.	Winds.	L.P.
2	5		S.E.	N.W.	
4	6				
6	6				
8	6				
10	7				
12	7				
2	6			N.W.	
4	6			N.W.	
6	5			S.W.	
8	4				
10	5				
12	5			N.W.	

Begins with a fresh breeze from the northward and flying clouds, all necessary sail set, at 6 P.M. Took in the studding sails, at 4 took in the S. S. sail and two up in the foremast at 9 took in the foremast top sail, squalls of rain during the night, at 12 M. the wind veered to the southward as in latter part of the day tolerably fair made all sail.

The ship makes a considerable water as usual when it is rigged.

Long. Circ. at 10 A.M. 87.30 Lat. N. 48.15

H.	K.	H.	Course.	Winds.	L.P.
2	5		S.E.	N.W.	
4	6				
6	7				
8	7				
10	7				
12	8				
2	8				
4	7				
6	7				
8	7				
10	7				
12	7				

Saturday 11 April.

Begins with a fresh breeze from the northward and flying clouds, middle squalls of shifting, in all the studding sails, in the morning part of the foremast and two M. S. g. studding sails, latter part thick and rainy.

H.	K.	H.	Course.	Winds.	L.P.
2	6		S.E. by E.	N.W.	
4	6				
6	6				
8	6				
10	3			blowing	
12	5				
2	3				
4	3				
6	3				
8	2				
10	2		S.W. by S.	S.W. by S.	2
12	2				

Sunday 12 April

Begins with a fresh breeze from the northward and cloudy with small rain, towards the middle moderate winds and heavy rain, calm a spell about 11 P.M. but breezed again from the north, a pleasant breeze, at 11 & A.M. when the wind shifted sudden to the S.E. and becoming fresh shortened sail till we brought the ship to close reefed M. S. top sail & foremast, a strong breeze and raising the rest of the day.