

Ship Aile of the Bedford in the Indian
1856

Saturday January 24th -

First part brisk wind from N. by N. to N. by South and thick flying clouds. Course East. Employed in boiling one whale. Here we saw a great number of Fowls and one Pintuck -

Middle part much the same brisk wind from N. by South to N. by North and thick flying clouds with frequent light squalls of rain. Course E. by South. Employed in boiling one whale.

Latter part strong wind from N. by South and thick flying clouds with frequent light squalls of rain and hail. Course East at 4 A.M. finished boiling one whale and at 8 A.M. began to stow down on oil. At midnight finished. Carpenter employed in repairing our boats. So far saw one Spout but could not tell what it was.

Lat. obs. 44° 15' South. Long. by C. 137° 55' 45" East.

Sunday January 25th -

First part light breeze from N. S. N. thick flying clouds and frequent squalls of rain. Course E. by S. with all sails set to the best advantage. Saw a great number of Fowls of different kinds but no whales.

Middle part much the same brisk wind from N. S. N. to S. N. and thin flying clouds. Course E. by South.

Latter part brisk wind from South and thick flying clouds. At 6 A.M. set Studding-sails. At 8 A.M. took these down again and reefed top sails so far.

Lat. obs. 44° 15' South. Long. by C. 141° 15' 45" E.

Monday January 26th

First part strong wind from South and thick cloudy and heavy looking weather. Course E. by South to South. Saw here a great number of fowls and some whales but no whales.

Ocean on a Whaling voyage
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Monday Jan 25. Continues

Middle part much the same. Strong wind from South and thick cloudy squally weather. Course E. by South to South.

Latter part brisk wind from S. N. and thick cloudy weather. Course E. by S. by South. Employed in finishing one Mizen top sail. Carpenter and Cooper employed in repairing a storm boat. At midnight finished one Mizen top sail and shifted and bent it. Lat. obs. 44° 51' South. Long. by C. 144° 26' 15" East.

Tuesday Jan 26.

First part brisk wind from South and thick cloudy heavy weather. Course E. by South with all sails set to the best advantage. Employed in repairing and binding one Spancer. Carpenter and Cooper employed in repairing storm boat. This afternoon dried all our lines being the first opportunity for drying them in ten or fifteen days.

Middle part much the same brisk wind from South and thick overcast weather. Course East.

Latter part light breeze from S. S. N. and thick overcast weather. Course East. Carpenter and Cooper employed in repairing storm boat. Hatch employed in stowing necessary jobs about the rigging. Lat. obs. 45° 12' South. Long. by C. 147° 16' East.

Wednesday Jan 27.

First part Calm thick cloudy weather. Carpenter and Cooper repairing storm boat. Blacksmith at his forge. The watch banister employed about the rigging. The water here is of a light green.

Middle part moderate breeze from North to N. N. E. and thick heavy weather stowed to the Eastward by the wind.

Latter part brisk wind from North and thin flying clouds. Course E. N. E. Carpenter and Cooper employed in repairing storm boat. Hatch employed.