

Ship Nile of New Bedford in the South

Thursday March 14th

First part light breezes from E.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. Stood to the N.W. with all sails set to the best advantage. 2/3 of the crew employed variously about the ships rigging. Carpenter employed in making a martingale.
Middle part calm pleasant weather.
 Latter part do. pleasant weather. At 8 A.M. sent down one Mizzen top sail yard & ship employed in fitting new Mizzen top sail yard so was done nothing.
Lat. obs. 25° 57' South. Long by Cr 165° 58' East.

Friday March 15th

First part moderate breezes from E.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. Stood to the N.W. with all sails set to the best advantage. Passed through a great deal of dirty water resembling iron rust water very thick with it in patches. Saw no fowls nor fish of any kind.
Middle part much the same. light breezes from E.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. Stood to the N.W. with all sails set to the best advantage.
 Latter part much the same light breezes from E.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. Stood to the N.W. at noon finished our new Mizzen top sail yard and bent the sail so was done.
Lat. obs. 26° 31' S. Long by Cr 165° 15' 00' E.

Saturday March 16th

First part moderate breezes from E.S.E. and thick flying clouds. Stood to the N.W. with all sails set to the best advantage. 2/3 of the crew employed variously about the ships rigging.
Middle part moderate breezes from E.S.E. to E.N.E. and thick cloudy weather. Stood to the N.W. under moderate sail.
 Latter part brisk wind from E.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. At 5 A.M. made all sail and stood N.W. At 6 A.M. saw a large sperm whale going quick to the eastward. Could not get near enough to

Pacific Ocean on a whaling voyage

Saturday March 14th

Lower our boats so was done.
Lat obs. 25° 49' South. Long by Cr 164° 30' 43' East.

Sunday March 20th

First part brisk wind from East to E.S.E. and thick flying clouds. Stood to the N.E. with all sails set to the best advantage in pursuit of whales. At 6 P.M. seeing nothing ground looking very barren took in sail for the night.
Middle part strong wind from E. to E.N.E. and thick squally weather.
 Latter part brisk wind from E.N.E. and thin flying clouds. At 5 A.M. made all sail and stood to the N.E. ground looking very barren and seeing nothing looked ship to the S.E. and made all sail. Saw nothing without a few flying fish.
Lat obs 25° 49' S. Long by Cr 164° 58' 37' East.

Monday March 21st

First part brisk wind from E.N.E. and thick cloudy squally looking weather. Carried all sail and stood S.E. Saw nothing.
Middle part much the same strong wind from E.N.E. and thick cloudy squally looking weather. Set a whole watch and carried all sail to the S.E.
 Latter part brisk wind from E.N.E. and thick cloudy heavy looking weather. At 7 A.M. saw sperm whales going quick to the windward. At 8 A.M. put off all boats in chase. At 11 A.M. struck two. Killed one. At 11 A.M. succeeded in taking him along side. The crew drew from the other and lost him so was boats in chase of more whales.
Lat obs 27° 01' South. Long by Cr 165° 47' 15' East.

Tuesday March 22nd

First part brisk wind from East and clear pleasant weather. At 5 P.M. our boats returned without the success of getting another whale. At 4 A.M. began to cut in our whale. At 7 A.M. got the head off and lashed the body down for the night.