

Ship's Log of the *Bradford* in the South
1856.

Tuesday March 23rd Cont.

Middle part brisk wind from E. N. E. and thick hazy weather lay by our whale.

Latter part moderate breezes from E. S. E. and thin cloudy weather. At 6 began to eat on our whale.

At 10 we got the body in & at 12 after 10 finished made sail upon ship and stood to the South by the wind. The ground looks lively here as for birds, but saw no whales. So ends.

Lat. obs. 27° 12' South Long. by C. 165° 52' East

Wednesday March 23rd

First part light breezes from S. E. and calm baffling weather. Stood to the S. W. under moderate sail. At 3 P. M. began to boil our whale.

Middle part much the same light breezes and calm baffling weather.

Latter part light breezes from the South to S. S. E. stood to the S. W. with all sails set to the best advantage.

At Meridian squally heavy looking weather, took in all light sail down reefed the topsails, and wore ship to the Eastward. So ends employed in boiling our whale.

Lat. obs. 27° 22' South Long. by C. 165° 54' East

Thursday March 24th

First part strong wind from South and thick squally heavy looking weather. Stood to the Eastward under short sail. Employed in boiling our whale.

Middle part much the same strong wind from South to S. S. E. and clear weather. Stood to the Eastward.

At midnight, then wore ship to the Westward.

Latter part brisk wind from S. W. and thin flying clouds. Stood to the S. W. by the wind. Employed in boiling and coopersing our oil. At 10. A. M. finished boiling. At Meridian stood off N. E. W. in pursuit of Whales. So ends saw nothing remarkable.

Lat. obs. 27° 25' South Long. by C. 166° 01' 32' East

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Friday March 25th

First part moderate breezes from South and clear pleasant weather. Stood from N. to N. W. in pursuit of Whales. At 6 P. M. then brought the ship to the S. W. under short sail for the night.

Middle part much the same brisk wind from S. E. to E. S. E. and pleasant weather. Stood to the Southward under short sail all night.

Latter part brisk wind from E. S. E. to E. N. E. and clear pleasant weather. Stood to the South all hands employed in stowing down our oil. So ends. At Meridian wore ship to the North.

Lat. obs. 27° 36' South Long. by C. 165° 36' 15' East

Saturday March 26th

First part strong wind from E. N. E. and cloudy weather. Stood to the North under short sail. Employed in stowing down our oil. At 6 P. M. finished.

Middle part much the same strong wind from E. N. E. and thick cloudy weather. Stood to the North all night under moderate sail.

Latter part strong wind from N. E. to N. N. E. and thick cloudy squally looking weather. At 8 A. M. wore ship to the E. S. E. So ends. Saw nothing remarkable.

Lat. obs. 27° 19' South Long. by C. 165° 44' 05' East

Sunday March 27th

First part brisk wind from N. N. E. and thick cloudy weather. Stood to the E. S. E. in pursuit of Whales. Saw nothing.

Middle part much the same brisk wind from N. N. E. and clear pleasant weather. Carried all sail and stood E. S. E.

Latter part calm warm pleasant weather. So ends. Saw nothing.

Lat. obs. 28° 00' South Long. by C. 167° 12' 45' East