

Ship Nile of New Bedford in the South
1856.

Saturday April 2nd

First part moderate breezes from E. to E.N.E. and thick cloudy hazy weather. Stood to the North with all sails set to the best advantage. Saw nothing at 6 P.M. finished boiling.

Middle part light breezes from E.N.E. to E.S.E. and cloudy weather. Set 3 macks and carried sail to reach up under the Island.

Latter part moderate breezes from E.S.E. and clear pleasant weather. Stood to the South. At 8 A.M. saw a ship in shore manoeuvring for whales. At 9 A.M. saw the whales put off with all 4 boats in chase. At 10 one boat struck and killed a whale. At 11 A.M. took him to the ship. Kept off for our other boats and carried all sail. So was 2 other ships in company chasing whales. Land in sight.

Sunday April 3rd

First part moderate breezes from N.E. and hazy weather. 3 Boats off chasing whales. At 1 P.M. hove to on a whale and began to cut with one boat crew. At 3 A.M. finished. At 4 A.M. our boats returned with no success.

hauled to the Eastward and made sail. At 7 A.M. began to boil and put the ship under snug sail for the night.

Middle part brisk wind from N.W. to N.N.W. and thick cloudy weather stood to the N.E.

Latter part strong wind from N.N.W. and thick cloudy heavy looking weather. At 9 A.M. Norfolk Island bore N.N.W. distance 35 or 40 miles. Employed in boiling our whale. So was 2 other ships in sight. Land in sight.

Monday April 4th

First part brisk wind from N.N.W. and thick hazy weather. Stood to the N.E. till 2 P.M. then wore ship to the westward. One sail in sight under our lee. At 4 P.M. finished boiling our whale. Employed in coopers on oil. At 6 A.M. put the ship under snug sail for the night and wore ship to the N.E.

Pacific Ocean on a Whaling Voyage.

Monday Continued.

Middle part moderate breezes and variable from N.N.W. to N.W. and hard showers of rain lay by.

Latter part calm hazy showery weather. Employed in stowing down our oil. So ends Norfolk Island Bearing N.W. about 40 Miles distant. Lat obs. 29.30. S. Land in Sight.

Tuesday April 5th

First part light breezes from South to E.S.E. and thick hazy weather. Stood to the S.W. under short sail. Employed in stowing down our oil. At 6 finished.

Middle part light breezes from E.S.E. Stood N.E. under easy sail half the night then hauled to the Eastward and lay by for the night.

Latter part strong wind from E.S.E. and thick hazy weather. At 8 A.M. made sail and kept off West for the Island. At Meridian the small Island bore N.W. distant about 10 Miles hauled to and stood S.W. in pursuit of whales. Here we tried our Chronometer and find her little or nothing out of way. So ends.

Lat obs. 29.14. S.

Long by 6. 168. 11. 45 East

Wednesday April 6th

First part strong winds from E.S.E. and thick cloudy overcast weather. Stood various courses in pursuit of whales. At 2 P.M. saw a sail at 4 P.M. Norfolk Island bore N.N.W. distant about twenty miles. At 6 A.M. put the ship under snug sail for the night and stood by the wind to the South.

Middle part much the same strong winds from E.S.E. to E.N.E. and thick cloudy overcast weather. At midnight wore ship to the N.E. At 4 A.M. wore back again to the South.

Latter part strong gales from E.N.E. and thick rainy weather. At 8 A.M. furlled the fore sail and lay by under double reefed top sails. Headed S.S.E.