

Journal of a Whaling voyage, in the year

Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> 1857

Commenced with squally weather and heavy rain being in the stream, all ready for sea, at 4 AM moderate at 8 AM fine breeze from SW the Pilot came on board and under weigh and stood out of the Bay at 10 AM discharged the Pilot at Meridian Gas Head eight hours distant to which from which I take my departure, so ended employed in hauling chains and blocks this day ended Civil time to commence sea time.

Saturday Nov 1

Commenced with fresh breeze from SW and at heavy sea from SE employed in clearing up the deck at 4 PM put the ship under short sail Middlepart fresh breeze Latter part the same employed in filling boats to end Sat 11 AM

Sunday Nov 2

Commenced with fresh breeze from SW employed in filling boats Middlepart fresh breeze Latter part the same to end

Monday Nov 3

Commenced with strong breeze from W at 5 PM double reefed the Captains and furled the sail Middlepart Latter part strong Gale took in all sail and hove to the wind under Mast sail and main, hove us to end

Sark Atlantic, Richard G. Van Meter

Thursday Nov 4 1857

Commenced with strong Gale and an ugly sea running from to under storm sail the ship rolling heavy broke of 4 of the davits Middlepart squally weather set Stow sail and double reefed main Mast sail and kept of to Latter part fresh Gale to end

Friday Nov 5

Commenced with strong wind from N SW steering S by E employed in various duty Middle and Latter part squally to end

Saturday Nov 6

Commenced with strong wind from SW steering S by E employed in setting up the Captains Rigging and Back Mast Middle and Latter part Moderate employed in setting up the Lower Rigging to end Sat 11 AM

Sunday Nov 7

Commenced with moderate breeze employed in various duty about the Rigging Middle and Latter part strong breeze took in sail and hove to to end this day

Monday Nov 8

Commenced with strong wind and clear weather at 3 PM strong Gale double reefed the main Mast sail Middlepart strong Gale and rain furled the main sail and hove to up the Bow and Mast Boat Latter part Moderate to end