

Journal of a whaling voyage on board the good

490. Thursday March 30, 1853.

Commences with moderate and thick weather. Employed in breaking out and stowing off for hold, at 3 P.M. finished. Boarded ship *Belmont* of 100 tons. Brought 56 days from New York bound to San Francisco. Cargo of merchandise. Middleport moderate and thick. Latterpart fine breeze from N.W. heading E. thick until 9 P.M. *Comm. Side*
Lat 41. 42. S. Long 57. 10 W.

491. Friday March 31st.

Commences with fine weather, and breeze from N.W. heading N.E. at sunset took in sail. Middleport light breeze and pleasant. Latterpart the same heading N.W. *Comm. Side*
Lat 40. 57. S. Long by Sun Obs. 54. 37. W. by Chr. 54. 55. W.

492. Saturday March 1st.

Commences with fine weather and light breeze from N.W. heading N.W. at 4 P.M. thick at dark took in sail. Middleport thick and moderate. Latterpart fine weather and breeze heading N.W. *Comm. Side*
Lat 41. 36. S. Long by Sun Obs. 53. 18. W. by Chr. 53. 36. W.

493. Sunday March 2nd.

Commences with fine weather and light breeze from N.W. heading N. at sunset hauled up the courses. Middleport moderate and pleasant. Latterpart light breeze heading N.W. *Comm. Side*
Lat 39. 36. S. Long 53. 54 W.

494. Monday March 3rd.

Commences with fine weather and breeze from N.W. heading N.W. Saw a Brig steering E. Middleport pleasant and calm. Latterpart the same. Employed in repairing the jib. Steering N. wind N.W. 1 sail in sight. *Comm. Side*
Lat 38. 45. S.

Barb Atlantic.

495. Tuesday March 5th, 1853.

Commences with fine weather and moderate at 3 P.M. braced the yards. wind (N.W.) heading N. Employed in breaking out between decks for flour at sunset took in N.E. sail. Middleport fine breeze. Latterpart the same steering N. at 10 A.M. saw 5pm whales luffed to the wind heading N.W. at 11 P.M. lowered the boats. So ends. *Comm. Side*
Lat 36. 53. S. Long 53. 53 W.

496. Wednesday March 6th.

Commences with fine weather and moderate heading N.W. off chasing said whales but could not get near them at 5 P.M. returned to the ship with hopes of seeing them again in the morning with better success at 6 P.M. took N.E. S.E. S. Middleport fine breeze. Latterpart the same heading N.W. at 9 A.M. saw a large number of 5pm whales going to windward, quick and shrew heading to leeward. So ends. Saw a sail steering N.E. Lat 35. 45. S. Long 53. 31 W. *Comm. Side*

497. Thursday March 7th.

Commences with fine breeze from N.W. heading N.W. at 10 passed 3 P.M. lowered for said whales at 1 P.M. the Starboard and waist boats struck and were fortunate enough to kill them both at 3 P.M. took them along side and commenced cutting. Middleport fresh breeze at 9 P.M. got his head off and body in and took in sail. Latterpart fine weather and moderate wore ship to N. Employed in taking in the head of said whale at 1 P.M. finished and commenced cutting the second one. Lat 36. 11. S. Long 52. 30 W.

498. Friday March 8th.

Commences with fine weather and calm Employed in cutting at 4 P.M. finished at 5 P.M. started the work. Middleport calm. Employed in brailing. Latterpart moderate and fine weather heading N.W. at 8 P.M. were ship to N. Employed in brailing. Caught a porpoise. *Comm. Side*
Lat 36. 35. S. Long 51. 17 W.