

Journal of a whaling voyage on board the gun.

770. Sunday Dec 11th 1853.
Commenced with fine breezes from NNE heading E in company with the senior. at 4 P.M. spoke Bk J. Jackson. and Dr. Franklin. Vessel. of Westport 6 miles out 150 bls of sperm. at sunset took in sail in company with daily ships. Middlepart fine weather. Bottompart strong breezes and smoky weather heading NNE. 1/2 in sight. Home Side, Lat. 35. 17. 0. Long 50. 42. W.

771. Monday Dec 12th.
Commenced with smoky rainy weather moderate at 3 P.M. spoke the J.D. at sunset took in sail. Middlepart moderate. Bottompart fresh breezes from NNE. Steering NNE. Employed in painting Star and Starboard boats. 1/2 in sight. Home Side, Lat. 34. 31. 0. Long 50. 35. W.

772. Tuesday Dec 13th.
Commenced with fresh breezes from NE. Steering NNE. Employed in painting the boats on the deck. at 4 P.M. luffed to the wind heading ENE. at sunset took in sail. Middlepart fine weather. Bottompart fine breezes heading NNE. at 7 A.M. wore ship. Employed in painting Waist and Bow boats. 1/2 in sight. Lat. 34. 27. 0. Long 50. 33. W.

773. Wednesday Dec 14th. Home Side.
Commenced with fine breezes from ENE heading E. Employed in ship duty. At sunset took in sail 3 sails in sight. a faintly 1/2. 50. up for a large sperm whale. Middlepart pleasant. Bottompart fresh breezes heading E. at 9 A.M. tacked to NNE. Home Side, Lat. 35. 00. 0. Long 50. 07. W.

774. Thursday Dec 15th.
Commenced with fresh breezes from NNE heading NNE. at 6 P.M. tacked to E. at sunset took in sail. Middlepart fresh breezes. Bottompart fine breezes heading ENE. at 7 A.M. wore ship. Employed in ship duty. Home Side, Lat. 34. 46. 0. Long 50. 38. W.

Dark Atlantic Cruising off the New England States.

775. Friday Dec 16th 1853.
Commenced with fine breezes from S. heading NNE at 6 P.M. tacked to NNE. Employed in ship duty. Middlepart pleasant. Bottompart the same heading ENE. Home Side, Lat. 34. 38. 0. Long 49. 49. W.

776. Saturday Dec 17th.
Commenced with smoky weather and calm at sunset took in sail. Middlepart fresh breezes. Bottompart the same heading NNE. at 8 A.M. wore ship to NNE. Home Side, Lat. 34. 38. 0. Long 50. 12. W.

777. Sunday Dec 18th.
Commenced with fresh breezes from NNE heading NNE at 5 P.M. spoke Bk Franklin. Sea of New Bedford. Wore out 75 bls of sperm. at sunset took in sail and steered N. Bottompart strong breezes. Bottompart the same at 8 A.M. fresh gales luffed to the wind heading E. 3 sails in sight. Lat. 33. 10. 0. Long 49. 57. W.

778. Monday Dec 19th.
Commenced with fresh gales from NNE lying to under short sail heading E. at 4 P.M. spoke Bk Mary Ann. Macomber of New Bedford 6 miles out 100 bls of sperm. Capt. had his wife on board. wore ship to NNE. and close reefed main top sail. Middlepart strong breezes. Bottompart more moderate. heading NNE. in company with the Mary Ann. Lat. 33. 07. 0. Long 49. 16. W.

779. Tuesday Dec 20th.
Commenced with fresh breezes from E heading NNE. in company with the M.A. at sunset took in sail Bk Gannet in sight. Middlepart pleasant. Bottompart fresh breezes steering NNE. 1 sail in sight. Home Side, Lat. 34. 00. 0. Long 49. 30. W.

780. Wednesday Dec 21st.
Commenced with strong breezes from ENE steering NNE. Wore 3 springs. at sunset took in sail. and luffed to the wind heading N. Middlepart strong breezes. Bottompart fresh gales and rain lying to under short sail heading N. Home Side, Lat. 34. 00. 0.