

Journal of a whaling voyage in board the

868.

Thursday March 9th 1854.

Commenced with strong breeze heading N.W. at 4 P.M. spoke ship M. Jones of Salem 54 days from Boston reported seeing a school of 400 whales at 2 P.M. heading N.E. at sunset took in sail. Middleport fine weather. Latterport the same at 5 A.M. saw 300 whales going to windward. Lowered the boats the larboard boat struck and killed, Wind boat struck and killed a calf. At 10 A.M. took them alongside and commenced cutting. Emma C. in sight. (Home side) Lat. 36. 43. N. Long 63. 47. W.

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Friday 10th.

Commenced with fine weather and moderate at 6 P.M. finished cutting. at 8 P.M. saw 300 whales. Lowered the boats. The bow strake and starboard boats struck and killed their whales at 10 P.M. took them alongside. Middleport pleasant. Emp in clearing up decks. Latterport pleasant. at daylight commenced cutting at 10 finished and cleared away the heads. Emma C. passed close by. (Home side) Lat. 36. 47. N.

870.

Saturday 11th.

Commenced with fine weather and light breeze at 3 P.M. started the works. Middleport pleasant. Employed in baling. Latterport thick Emp in baling. (Home side) Lat. 36. 50. N.

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Sunday 12th.

Commenced with thick weather. Emp in baling at 4 P.M. going with thunder and lightning. Cold down took in Main topsail and fairsail. Middleport strong breeze. Started the works at 8 A.M. Latterport strong breeze. course variable. Emp in baling. 1000 in sight baling. (Home side) Lat. 36. 53. N.

and Bark Atlantic. Cruising off Rio de Janeiro

882.

Monday March 13th 1854.

Commenced with strong breeze from S. course variable. Employed in baling. Middleport strong breeze at 2 A.M. finished baling. Latterport fresh gales lying to under short sail heading N. 100 in sight baling 1000 whales. (Home side) Lat. 36. 51. N.

883.

Tuesday 14th.

Commenced with fresh gales from W. lying to under short sail heading N. Lat. 4 P.M. were shifted to N. Middleport more moderate with a heavy swell. Latterport the same Emp in stowing down oil. (Home side) Lat. 36. 52. N.

884.

Wednesday 15th.

Commenced with strong breeze from W. with a heavy swell. Emp in stowing down oil. at 5 P.M. spoke ship. Middleport pleasant. with a heavy swell. Latterport smoother. stowing variable. (Home side) Lat. 36. 53. N.

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Thursday 16th.

Commenced with fine weather and breeze steering N.W. at sunset took in sail headed N.W. wind N.W. Middleport pleasant. Latterport fresh breeze. (Home side) Lat. 36. 57. N.

886.

Friday 17th.

Commenced with strong breeze from N.W. heading N.W. at 2 P.M. double reefed the topsails. at sunset took in sail. Middleport rainy. Latterport cloudy. heading N.W. (Home side) Lat. 36. 48. N.

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Saturday 18th.

Commenced with smoky weather and light breeze heading N.W. at sunset took in sail. Middleport pleasant. Latterport the same heading N.W. (Home side) Lat. 36. 50. N.

888.

Sunday 19th.

Commenced with fine breeze from N. heading N. at sunset took in sail. Middleport calm. Latterport light breeze and rainy. New & sails. (Home side) Lat. 36. 51. N.