

5 o'clock we hauled back our grain yard, and waited for her to run down to us. She proved to be the George Porter, Capt Arthur, of New Bedford; a sperm whaler, 16, mms, out with 800 bls of oil. Capt Arthur came on board of us, and Mr. Wastons, went aboard of them. He "gammed" until about 10 o'clock P.M., when the Capt returned on board his own ship. They said the other ship was the "Spartan" of Nantucket, 14 mms, out 500 bls of oil.

Jan 19th, Light winds. We are drifting around in sight of Monks Isle, carried along by the current than wind. The George Porter is in sight not far off. Several large sharks were seen around the ship to day.

Jan 20th. We had quite a heavy rain in the middle watch last night. Two ships in sight this morning some distance to windward. We supposed them to be the ships mentioned before. Raining most of the forenoon, but towards noon the sun came out hot as ever, but with scarcely any wind.

Jan 21st. Variable winds all night so that we were continually wearing ship. One sail in sight this morning. We are now cruising around here for sperm whales. Lowered about 3 P.M. for black fish.

Jan 22nd. A dead calm, and the sun pouring down hot enough to melt me. Lowered about 5 o'clock for black fish.

Jan 23rd. We had a pretty fair breeze last night, steering about E. A sail in sight on our lee bow. Another this afternoon night, ahead: Charles' Main is first in sight on our lee bow.

Jan 24th. A smart shower of rain last night: it continued raining through the day, little or no wind.

Jan 25th. Raining through the night, but it cleared up this morning, leaving a pretty fair breeze.

Jan 26th. Warm and clear; a pretty fresh breeze.

Jan 27th. We are now bound westerly, for some of the Islands. Schools of porpoises are around

the ship every night.

Jan 28th. Not enough to roast a "Salamander"; expiring the remainder of our sperm oil.

Jan 29th. Raining through the night, with occasional squalls. Course N. E. Lat about 4° 4'

Jan 30th. Breezy and squally, and a good stiff breeze. We have changed the course, and are steering more northerly, probably for the Sandwich Islands. Lat 3° 4' S. Schools of skip-jacks, and flying fish, are all around the ship. A "fin back whale" came directly under our starboard boat this noon "breaching" and finning in a singular manner.

Jan 31st. Warm and pleasant. Lat about 1° N. We shall probably cross the line to night, for the second time, and must keep a good lookout for it. The "old man" and carpenter are making new topmast, ~~crosses~~, and top gallant crosspieces.

Feb 1st. We are again going Southerly. Plenty of skip-jacks around the ship four or five of which we caught.

Feb 2nd. Rain early this morning and towards night.

Feb 3rd. A large quantity of rain fell during the night, but the clouds cleared away this morning, and the sun came out hot as ever. "Woe ship" again this morning, to stand to the northward. Lat 1° 25' S.

Feb 4th. Fine breeze, and a clear sky. Lat 0° 38'

Feb 5th. We have once more crossed the line and are now steering North westerly. Lat 1° 30' N, Lon 113° 49' W.

Feb 6th. Pleasant weather through the day, but towards night a squall came up so that we were obliged to take in the top gallant sails and double reef the topsails. Lat 3° 19' Course N. W.