

Remarks on board Bark Acwashonke. Capt Marble
Wednesday December 26. 1860

These twenty four hours commenced with a moderate S gale from about S E. Bark heading S W. going to render a close reef to maintop sail of Mizen Staysail. at 3.30 AM squared in the main yard turned out one reef of the maintop sail steering W. at daylight made all sail so and one sail in sight Lat 36 15 S Long 40 40 E

Thursday 27th

commenced with a light breeze heading to the Westward during fore part. at sundown shortened sail. at daylight made all sail heading to the Eastward. employed the latter part going of ship nothing in sight to day. Lat 36.12 S Long 51 17 E

Friday December 28. 1860

Came on deck with a light breeze from the Southward heading to the Eastward all sail set. at sundown took in the light sail at daylight made all sail. middle and latter part much like the fore part Lat 36.2 S Lat 51.9 E

Saturday December 29th 1860

These twenty four hours commenced with a light breeze all sail set heading to the Eastward at sundown took in the light sail. middle and latter part much like the fore part. Lat 36.2 S Long 51.9 E

Sunday December 30th 1860

commenced with a light breeze from the S. bark working to the Eastward. at 4 AM saw two Hump Backs going to the windward quick. middle and latter part much like the fore part. four sail in sight. one boiling. Lat 36.12 S Long 6.17 East

Monday December 31st 1860

commenced with a moderate breeze all sail set steering on the wind. wind from the Southward & Eastward. at 10 AM spoke the Bark (Seagoda) Seagoda of N.B. boiling fire & masts out (Sperm) 7 Whales this season. at 7 PM Mr. Alpheus B. came on board and slept a short time

Eastward of Tristan da Cunha December 31st. 1860

Monday December 31st 1860

during the night carried all sail. wind steady. middle and latter part thick and hazy. working to the Southward and Eastward. so ends this day. four sails in sight during the fore part of this day Lat 36.12 S Long 6.30 E



Tuesday January 1st 1861

These twenty four hours commenced with a moderate breeze from the Southward & Eastward all sail set steering on the wind working to the S E. at 1.30 PM saw a sail on the lee beam. Whaling. at 2 PM raised a Sperm Whale about one fathom on the lee beam going quick to the (windward) windward. however all four boats after him. chased him about 4 miles. when they raised some more to the leeward & called the boats down and sent them of to the leeward. I undertook to go on to them but when almost within starting distance they saw me and went down (or rather I suppose they heard my ears and was hulling which was one of the worst things that I could have done as I learnt afterwards but then it was too late for when they came up they were all galled and away they went) but then I think that I should have struck or some other boat if I had only waited until the next rising. for when I started for them they must have been all of one half mile of and not coming very quick as I found out after I had got most down to them. and I will now just state the reason why I undertook to go to them that rising. I was the first boat that came to the ship (after giving them up to the windward) and the Captain told me that there was a school of galled Sperm Whales 3/4 of a mile of coming quick to the windward. and he told me to get in ahead of them and take them head and head. although after I started for them the Captain tried to warn me not to try them that (rising) but I did not see him, but if I had gone according to my own judgment I should not have to take them that rising. I was afraid that if I did not try them that rising and they came up to the windward of the main boat the next rising I should be blamed for not going according to my own judgment. I think the sail on the lee beam was the Seagoda saw her take one or more Whales along side, so I was

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