

Monday July 4th 1859.

This is independence day for those at home in the state but we poor mortals who plough the ocean it is no better than any other day. There was nothing unusual occurred today. About sunset capt. Hamblin went on board the Bark Ostraz and spent the evening. Wenmans island in sight on the lee beam.

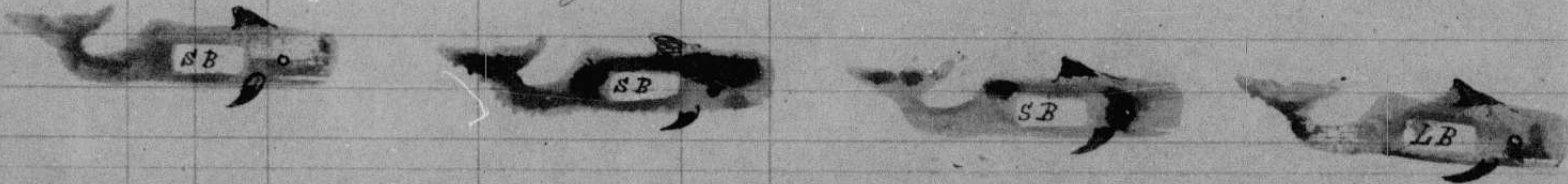
Course E. S. E.



Wednesday ~~Thursday~~ July 6th 1859.

This day commenced with a fine breeze from about South. This afternoon lowered the Starboard boat for Blackfish and Mr. Woodell went to steer her. The captain struck one from off the stern, after they got fast lowered the Larboard and Main boat. The Starboard boat took three and the main one and got alongside about dark and hoisted them in. The four will make about five barrels.

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Saturday July 9th 1859.

This has been quite a fine day with a steady breeze. Abington Island in sight on the starboard bow also three ships in sight.

About half past eleven the mate from the Sonia came on board and captain Hamblin went there. Shortly after the mate from the Osholeen and Mary Wilder came on board and Mr. Woodell went to the Osholeen and myself went to the Mary Wilder and spent the evening and got back to the bark about ten. We have been trying to get to the Eastward but having light winds and strong current we have made but little progress.

On the week ending Sunday July 17th 1859.

It is now just a week since we left the Gallapagos islands for Tombez. Last Sunday night at sunset, Abington island was in sight on the weather quarter and tonight the island de la Plater lies on our lee quarter. During the past week we have had a very strong breeze from South to S. E. W. with a good deal of rainy weather. Last Sunday after gaming with the Napoleon started in company with her and the Sonia and Mary Wilder the next morning could not see but the Napoleon the others out of sight at times. This afternoon after 4 raised Humphreys lowered the Larboard and main boat but did not get fast. We shall probably be in tomorrow night or Tuesday morning.

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Tuesday July 19th 1859. Off Tombez.

This day came to anchor a few miles to seaward of Tombez anchorage, after a long and somewhat tedious voyage of little over six months and a half. This is the first time we have had our anchors off the bows since we left New Bedford. We came to anchor about about 7 P.M. 197 days from N. Bedford.

Wednesday morning here up and made sail for the anchorage where we arrived about noon, after dinner carried the captain up the river. Thursday got a soft ashore for water and got it foul of the bar in the river and did not get it clear until the next day. Friday very busy on board stowing wood and water. Saturday got off another soft of water without any trouble. Myself and boat crew went up the river three times.

Sunday all hands but one boat crew went on shore at the Point and staid until dark when they came off some of them were somewhat intoxicated, the Whoremaid arrived this forenoon in the afternoon the mate came on board and spent the afternoon.

Monday very busy stowing wood and water. Tuesday 26th went in very early after a soft of water and got on board about noon got dinner and hoisted it in and the Starboard watch went on shore on liberty the other watch being stowing down.

Wednesday 27th commenced work very early and finished stowing the fore hold got through by half past two and washed off the sail and deck. Only three stood watch last night the mate, boat crew and myself. The After arrived here this afternoon.