

Remarks on board Bark Perry 1878

Sunday Nov 10th

Com. with fine weather & wind light E by S. the Boat still chasing to windward about 2 1/2 miles off. Whales two points forward the ship weather beam going by the wind at 3 P.M. lowered the Waist Boat myself in charge & pulled for the whale & set sail at 1/2 past 4 P.M. W. boat struck at dark took him along side about 6 P.M.

Mid part fine getting ready to cut Lat part at 6 A.M. Com. to cut weather fine & smooth sea. Saw a school of Blackfish 20 ends

Lat 20-31 N.

Monday Nov 11th Long 20-22 W

Com. with fine weather & smooth sea & a light breeze E. emp. cutting at 4 P.M. finished cutting & started the works mid part boiling Lat part same from one whale we took out (41) fortyone lbs of the best quality of Ambergris & threw away about two barrels of the soft like kneaded dough when ready to Bake 20 ends

Lat 20-22 N

Tuesday Nov 12th Long 21-27 W

Com. with fine weather & calm emp. boiling Mid part same Lat part do with light breeze E. Saw Blackfish & 20 ends

Wednesday Nov 13th Lat 19-20 N

Com. with fine weather & Light Long breeze E emp. boiling Mid part do Lat part same finished boiling at 12 M & 20 ends this day.

Thursday Nov 14th

Com. with light breeze E & Lat 20-23 N steering W by S. employed. Long 22-04 W Coopering oil & clearing up decks Mid & Lat part the same steering W by S. at 6 A.M. took in the La Boat to repair also emp. pumping fresh water getting ready to stow down 20 ends

Lat 19-29 N. Long 23-11 W.

Geo W. Mickerson Master

Friday Nov 15th

Com. with fine weather & good breeze E.S.E. steering W.S.W. emp. pumping fresh water getting ready to stow down. also repairing Leeward boat Mid & Lat part fine at 9 A.M. finished the La boat & put her out wind E. St Antones bearing S.E. dist (30) thirty miles Lat 13-32 N

Saturday Nov 16th Long 24-58 W

Com. cloudy weather & Light breeze E.N.E. steering W S.W. emp. stowing down oil. mid part fine Lat part cloudy & a heavy swell N.E. emp. stowing down oil

Sunday Nov 17th Lat 18-04 N

Com. with cloudy weather & fine Long 25-58 W. breeze E.N.E. employed stowing down oil finished at 4 P.M. & pumped ship to water mid part good Lat part strong breeze saw several merchantman Lat No Obs.

Monday Nov 18th Long

Com. with strong breeze E.N.E. steering W by N. Mid part came to the wind on port took heading N. under short sail Lat part at daylight kept off W by N. watch emp. washing 90. 20 ends

Tuesday Nov 19th Lat 17-39 N

Com. with strong breeze & Long 27-11 W. smoke from E. steering S. pumped ship at 4 P.M. (75) seventyfive strokes & steering S by E & E. Mid part do Lat part same 20 ends. Lat 17-10 N

Wednesday Nov 20th Long 26-20 W

Com. with strong breeze E. & cloudy ship heading S.E. by E. Mid part strong breeze heading S.E. by S. Lat part do at 1 A.M. saw heave bearing N.E. by E. dist (35) thirtyfive miles also saw the Island of Fogo 20 ends Lat 14-25 N

Long 24-44 W