

Cruising off the Coast of Africa

Remarks on board Saturday Oct. 30th 1863

This day commenced with strong breezes from the S.W. ship by the wind under small sail middle and latter parts the same

Remarks on board Sunday Nov 1st

This twenty four hours commenced with strong winds from the S.W. ship by the wind at 3 o'clock P.M. saw a shoal of sperm whales toward the boats harbor boat struck and got one middle part ship lying under close reefed main top sail and top mast stay sail with the whale along side latter part fine commenced cutting at day light

Lat. by obs 15.30. S.
Long. by chro 4.21. E.

Remarks on board Monday Nov 2nd

This commenced good weather ship by the wind under short sail employed clearing away the head at sundown got the head clear away and set the wack middle part the weather the same latter part at day light commenced boiling so ended

Lat. by obs
Long. by chro