

Ship Petrel Outward Bound 1853
Friday 18th Nov 1853

18th Fine Wind E. Row to top sail set, set
up jib & fly, jib, guys & stays, at sunset
took in sail & hauled aloft, at daylight made
sail kept of W. Latter part fine fitting
digging &c. Lat 17 43

Saturday 19th Long 36 36
Fine Wind E. Row to Main to sail set
fitting digging, try works &c, painting gun net
double reefed top sails, Middle port fine Wind
E & W at Light made all sail core S, painting
iron work &c. Lat 18 45

Sunday 20th Long 36 24
Fine Wind N E Row all sail set, painting
iron work fitting try works, digging &c
Middle port fine Latter do Wind N E
Monday 21st

21st Fine Wind N E Row all sail set
Meet girl, dreamed of fighting Snakes Middle
port fine Wind N E Row all sail set Latter do
fitting digging cleaning iron work & try works
Lat 19 00
22nd Fine Wind N E Row all sail set
fitting digging pots &c, Middle port fine at 4
Wind N E Row & small Latter part fine
fitting ship &c. Lat 20 00

Wednesday 23rd Long 38 14
Fine Wind S W by W heading S by E all sail set
fitting digging, Middle port fine, Latter do
fitting digging &c. Lat 20 45

Thursday 24th Long 38 16
Fine, Calm lying, Cleared down fitting dig-
ging, Middle port the same Latter part Wind
S W heading to the W. at 11 saw sperm whales
galloped by the ship. Lowered & chased
a great many whales

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Friday 26th Nov 1853

26th Fine Wind S W Row down Chasing whales
at 2 got on board, stood to the W at 8 several
again struck took line struck again killed
at dusk took along side took in sail head by
to the E, Middle port fine at daylight, got
ready for cutting, at 8 got through cleared deck
Wind E Row S W Lat 26 12

Saturday 26th Long 39 28
Fine Wind E Row S W, Lighted fires &
steaming, Middle port strong gales at 8 & 10
Latter do, saw sperm whales, lowered, Last whale
came on board, & kept off

Sunday 27th
27th Strong gales at 8 & 10 Steaming S W by S
very hazy, under short sail, I have had
to give another man a beating to day for getting down
N, searched the forecabin and found a couple of gallons
of rum, a miserable crew with a few exceptions
Middle fine Latter do cooled down, 30 Bells

Monday 28th Lat 31 48 Long 42 38
28th Fine Wind N E Row S W all sail set
thoughts of home & friends dreamed of seeing
my charming girl Meet girl if you were
with me I would give anything I have
Middle port fine Latter do fitting to shore

Tuesday 29th Lat 31 48 Long 44 32
29th Fine Wind N E Row S W, Stowing oil
Hoisted 34 Bells at 6 Row S W by W, Middle port
Light wind at daylight, hauled up dead whale
took along side & cut on cabin

Wednesday 30th Lat 32 37 Long 45 08
30th Fine Wind S E heading S W, a Boiling up to
the E took in sail, could not boil on the 2
Latter Middle port strong gales & hazy
Latter part Mould at 11 put out fires cooled
down, 20 Bells, more ship & made sail to the
S W Lat 32, 37 13