

Ship Balena of New Bedford Capt John Dorman

Monday April 17th 1854

This day comes in with fresh breezes from the Westward the ship steering to the Northward at 2 P.M. tacked to the Southward & Westward the Island of St Ambrose in sight bearing N.W. at Sunset middle and latter part fresh breezes saw nothing at noon St Ambrose bearing N.W. 20 m

Tuesday April 18th

Comes in with moderate breeze from the Westward the ship steering to the Northward Middle part fine weather & light breeze from the S.W. saw porpoises Lat by obs 24.44 Long by Chron 78.54

Wednesday April 19th

Comes in with light trade winds the ship steering to the E.N.E. at Sunset tacked to the Westward and shortened sail Middle & latter part much the same saw porpoises Lat by obs 24.14 Long by Chron 76.52

Thursday April 20th

This day comes in with pleasant weather and light trade winds the ship steering to the E. & S.E. Middle and latter part much the same Employed setting up the a Bark in sight to the Westward. Lat by obs 23.20 Long by Chron 76.20

Friday April 21st

Comes in with fine weather & light trades the ship steering to the N.E. at Sunset spoke Bark President of Westport. Just finished boiling a barrel of Whale. latter part fine weather lowered for Blackfish and how Boat got one the Bark in sight to Westward Lat

Saturday April 22^d

This day comes in with moderate trades and fine weather the ship standing to the Westward at 10 P.M. wore round to the Eastward a Bark in sight in the weather quarter Lat by obs 23.04 Long 75.34

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Sunday April 23^d 1854

This day comes in with fresh trade winds the ship on the Eastern tack at 4 P.M. spoke the Bark President Middle and latter part squally saw nothing Lat by obs 23.11 Long by Chron 75.04

Monday April 24th

This day comes in with fresh trade winds the ship on the Eastern tack at daylight steered E. by N. ends with fresh breezes. Saw a finback Lat by obs 23.01 Long by Chron 72.46

Tuesday April 25th

Comes in with gentle trades the ship standing to the N.E. Middle and latter part much the same saw nothing Lat by obs 22.55 Long by Chron 71.52

Wednesday April 26th

Comes in with fine weather & light S.E. trades the ship steering N.E. at 2 P.M. saw the launch bearing E.S. Mills Dist saw Blackfish Lat by obs 21.20 Long by Chron.

Thursday April 27th

This day comes in with pleasant weather & light trades the ship steering N.W. Middle and latter part much the same saw nothing Lat by obs 19.32 Long by Chron 72.28

Friday April 28th

Comes in with fine weather and light trade winds the ship standing to the N.W. saw nothing Lat by obs 18.21 Long by Chron 73.50