

Ship. Balama of New Bedford. Capt Dorman
1856 Monday August 4th

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate trades the ship standing to the Eastward Middle and latter part much the same. Employed setting up topmast Backstays the sick men about the same saw nothing

Tuesday Aug 5th

Comes in with moderate trades the ship stands to the Eastward at 9 A.M. tacked to the Westward Employed repairing the foresail three men sick one of them Pedro Martinez sick with the Venereal Disease
Lat 0.48 N Long 81.52

Wednesday Aug 6th

This day comes in with fresh breezes from S. S. W. the ship standing to the Westward Middle and latter part much the same saw nothing three men sick
Lat 0.48 N Long 83.57

Thursday Aug 7th

This day comes in with fresh trades and squally weather the ship working to the Southward saw several vessels, but no whale latter part saw Blackfish Employed making Bunt Gaskets the sick men about the same

Lat 0.20 N Long 84.20 W

Friday Aug 8th

Comes in with fresh breezes and squally weather the ship standing to the Westward Middle and latter part much the same. Employed breaking out in the after hold saw a Humpback the sick men about the same

Lat 0.44 N Long 86.19

Saturday Aug 9th

This day comes in with fresh trades and squally weather the ship on the Western tack Middle and latter part much the same saw plenty of Humpbacks and Porpoises two men sick, Pedro has gone to duty again
Lat 0.07 S Long 88.06 W

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Sunday Aug 10th

This day comes in with fine weather and fresh trades the ship standing to the Westward at 10 A.M. saw Chatham Island bearing S.W. dist 35 Miles
Saw humpbacks Lat 0.24 S Long 89.04

Monday Aug 11th

Fresh trades and squally weather the ship steering to the Eastward Middle part laying aback latter part steering West saw humpbacks three men sick
Lat 0.22 N Long 89.56 W

Tuesday Aug 12th

Comes in with fresh trades the ship steering West Middle and latter part fine weather saw humpbacks and Blackfish three vessels in sight Employed making seizing stuff &c two men sick at noon Bristol Island bearing S.W. 15 Miles

Wednesday Aug 13th

Comes in with moderate trades the ship standing to the Westward Middle part wind light and baffling latter part moderate trades a sail in sight to the Westward Employed making spun yarn two men sick at noon North Head of Albemarle bearing S.W. 30 miles

Thursday Aug 14th

This day comes in with fine weather and light breezes from S.W. the ship working to the S. Westward saw several Sulphur bottomed latter part calm two sails in sight at noon North Head bearing S.E. 20 miles

Friday Aug 15th

Comes in with light trades the ship standing to the Westward at 4 P.M. tacked in shore at Sunset spoke the Henry of Portland latter part attending in toward North Head a ship and bark in sight two men sick at noon North Head bearing E. 10 miles