

Monday. Weather and winds fair - nothing doing
October 16th today and all hands idle. I stood my
masthead and wheel as usual - nothing worth
mentioning seen from mastheads - nothing
but grumbling among the hands.

October 17th Weather and winds fair. today passed
Tuesday off pretty much in the same way as
yesterday and I am sorry to say that the
men do not seem to be in better spirits. the
captain and officers look dark and I fear
this is the forerunner of disturbance.

October 18th Weather fair and pretty warm. the
Wednesday - winds are very light it being almost
a calm. we today caught our second whale.
at four o'clock we lashed all the boats for
exercise and the larboard bow boat to which
I belong caught a turtle.

October 19th Weather fair and warm - dead calm
Thursday - today - nothing doing and nothing
seen from mastheads. I feel dull and down-
hearted and long to be home again.

October 20th Weather beautiful but rather hot. it
Friday being a dead calm. last night during the
first watch the starboard watch got a por-
poise. the day promised to pass off as usual
when at about half past three the cry of
"there go flukes" was heard from masthead and
on running up the rigging the mate discerned
a couple of right whales on the weather
beam at about a mile off. the watch was
immediately the lines put in the boats and
we lashed for them. After a pull of about
four hours we were forced to give them up
and got on board ship by night. this is the
second time we lashed for whales latitude $37^{\circ}54'$

October 21st Weather as fine as can be. it is a
Saturday - dead calm - at about half past six
this morning our watch was roused up
and told to prepare ourselves to lash for.

right whales - in one moment all the watch
is up and all hands having had breakfast
the four boats are lashed, but to no effect for
after a pull of three hours we were forced to
give up the chase and return on board.
latitude $38^{\circ}30'$

October 22nd Weather and winds fair. it being Sunday no
Sunday - thing going on. nothing seen from masthead but
a few fin backs. from observations taken at noon
we found ourselves in latitude $39^{\circ}15'$

October 23rd Weather and winds fair. as usual nothing
Monday doing and nothing seen from mastheads
but a number of fin backs.

October 24th Weather fair but cold the winds blowing
Tuesday - pretty strong. nothing doing and nothing
seen from mastheads this state of matters makes
it very dull on board on board ship and
makes one think of home - reefed topsails -

October 25th Weather and winds fair - turned reef
Wednesday out of the topsails and made sail. we
also tacked ship and bore to the northward
again heading IV by VV nothing seen from mast-
heads - latitude $39^{\circ}45'$

October 26th Weather fair and winds light - not
Thursday - much doing on deck. this morning the
captain broke out the slop chest and a great
many of the crew got some things - nothing
seen from mastheads but a sail which proved
to be a brig she headed about east - course
IV by VV latitude $37^{\circ}47'$

Sunday.
November 5th Since October the 26th I have been
unable to write anything at all on account
of the weather, which has been anything
but satisfactory. Thursday afternoon the
barometer fell pretty low, and we prepared
everything on board ship for a gale of
wind and reduced the sail down to close
reefed topsails and fore & main staysails