

Journal of the Whaling Bark President 1894
Capt. Prater

1 Tues April 17

About 11 o'clock the tow Boat took us away from the wharf at New Bedford on a whaling voyage with about 23 men all told and from the E. end while busy clearing up decks found one of the top pots with a large hole in it the tug let go of us and we anchored in about 6 fathoms of water

2 Wed April 18

About 3 PM the tug came back from New Bedford and brought a new pot took the old one out and put the new one in and hove our anchor up and the tug towed us out and left us about dark choosed watches and hoot crews about a calm starboard watch out middle port still a calm. latter port light breeze from the E. heading along by the middle watch busy getting the boats ready

3 Thur April 19

This day begins with a very light breeze from the E. end, unbent the cables and lashed the anchors on at bow and stowed the chains below. Manuel Silva a boy was stowed away and was found & watch still to work on the top works and getting the boats ready Block Island and Montserrat in sight and several fath. middle port the same. latter port cloudy watch put the cutting stage out and put up the cutting benches and other ship duty and pumped ship and found considerable water in the vessel hole