

1895 Journal of the Whaling Bark President
Cruising off the Island of St. Antonio

259 Monday Dec 31

This day comes in with good weather
got the head off and also got the body of the
whale in on deck and the head along side
the Capt of the Adelia Chase came on board
from Antene Ayeredo a man forward
got his fingers cut quite bad by a shoe
while he work on the blubber. the whaler on deck
started the works. boiling down the night
and cutting blubber. latter part about seven
o'clock AM saw a large whale lowered two
boats and gave chase in company with
the ship Adelia Chase

260 Tuesday Jan 1

This day comes in with a good breeze
the boat started the whale at 11 AM
about 2 PM Second Mate of the ship
started but did not get fast so we came
on board about sundown still boiling
and cutting blubber. latter part called
all hands at day light and hove in
the junk on deck and hove the base up
and bailed it still boiling and pumping
salt water and put some oil below

261 Wednesday Jan 2

This day comes in with good weather
made some sail still boiling and
pumping salt water and put some oil
down below, middle part at some. latter
part quite a strong breeze still boiling
and pumping salt water and putting
oil down below

John P. Baro. Master

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Thursday Jan 3

This day comes in with quite strong trades
still boiling and pumping salt water
and put some oil down below, the ship
Adelia Chase still in sight -
middle part finished boiling latter part
quite a strong breeze finished stowing the
oil below and gained the ship Adelia Chase

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Friday Jan 4

This day comes in with quite strong trades
ship cruising. nothing in sight but the ship
middle part the same. latter part still strong
trades but the upper top sails and jib
will be hove out water

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Saturday Jan 5

This day comes in with strong trades took
in the upper fore top sail saw a fin back
middle part wore ship. latter part wind
moderate some put the upper fore top sail
and jib and main sail

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Sunday Jan 6

This day comes in with a good breeze
ship working up to midnight saw
purpose. at sundown took in the
jib and main sail and wore ship
middle part wore ship. latter part
good weather made all sail heading
along by the wind