

Remarks on board R H

Wednesday

Dec 8th First of these 24 hours fine weather & a fresh breeze from the Northward R H steering S E by E mid & latter parts. W wind saw a school of Blackfish to day so ends this day Lat 36.39 Long 15.31

Thursday

Dec 9th First of these 24 hours blowing & moderate gale from N W R H steering E S E saw several Finbacks mid & latter parts the same so ends this day Lat 36.22 Long 12.01

Friday

Dec 10th First of these 24 hours fine weather & a moderate breeze from the Southward R H steering S E by E mid & latter parts weather much the same saw one sail steering to the Eastward so ends this day Lat 36.35 Long 10.23

Saturday

Dec 11th First of these 24 hours fine weather & a moderate breeze from N W R H steering S E by E mid & latter parts strong breeze saw one Finback so ends this day Lat 37.16 Long 06.54

Sunday

Dec 12th First of these 24 hours cloudy weather & strong Northwardly wind R H steering S E by E mid & latter parts blowing & gale R H steering S E saw a sail steering S E so ends this day no obs

Monday

Dec 13th First of these 24 hours thick rainy weather & blowing fresh from the Northward at 3 P.M. wind shifted to the westward & blowing & gale shortened sail & hove ship to on Port tack at 1 P.M. kept off her course mid & latter parts weather much the same saw lots of Finbacks to day so ends this day Lat 38.11 Long 01.12 W

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Thursday

Dec 14th First of these 24 hours cloudy weather & a strong breeze from the westward R H steering E N E mid & latter parts weather more moderate saw a number of Finbacks to day so ends this day Lat 38.04 Long 01.57 E

Wednesday

Dec 15th First of these 24 hours hazy weather & a fresh breeze from N W R H steering S E by E mid & latter parts blowing hard saw lots of Finbacks so ends this day Lat 38.16 Long 05.11

Thursday

Dec 16th First of these 24 hours blowing hard from the Westward R H steering S E by E mid & latter parts moderate so ends this day Lat 38.25

Friday

Dec 17th First of these 24 hours blowing & gale from N W R H steering S E by E at 6 P.M. shortened sail down to & close reefed main topsail & staysails at 8 P.M. hove ship to on Port tack mid & latter parts the same at hours. Am wind shifted to the westward so ends this day while looking over the stern Lat 38.18 Long 8.36

Saturday discovered that the upper Rudder Band was quite loose

Dec 18th First of these 24 hours blowing & gale from the westward with a big sea running R H laying to on Port tack at 3 hours. P.M. kept ship off S E by E at 6 hours. Am raised & wrote whole going to windward luffed ship up in chase of him and got the Boats ready for lowering saw him two risings & then lost view of him so ends this day Lat 38.03 Long 10.49