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Bark Roscoe off East Coast Madagascar
Friday February 26th 1847

First Part light breezes from East Clear weather
At 1 P.M. the Boats returned to Ship Middle light
Steered NE later Calm 3 Sail in Light Employed
in various jobs put the Dock Bands on the
Topsmast Cooper Making Rigs Latitude Obs 22 58
Painted the Lark Chains Long Merid - 49 02

Saturday 27th

Commences Calm at 3 A Small breeze from
SE Steered by the wind to S. E. M. At 5 Spoke Bark
Milwood 1 month out 150 Sperm Oil Bark Peri
& the Leonidas 1908 & got 3 letters from her
later Squally & Showery Steered on various
Courses to S.W. Mostly No Observations
Lat AC 33 30 Long 49 08 A Merid

Sunday 28th

First Part fine Breezes from ENE fine
Squally & Showery Steered to SE At 4 Cleared
steered off W Middle fine later Cloudy fine
whale weather Steered N.W. the Leonidas Steering N.W.
Another Sail in Light to ESE Lat Acant 23 30
Monday 1st of March Long Merid 48 50

Commences with lively breezes from ENE & Rainy
At 1.30 P.M. raised Sperm whales At 2.30 lowered
Struck killd & took 1 Along Side the other Boats
went in Pursuit of others but did not succeed
in getting fast Saw a number of whales going to
leeward Glow later lively breezes from NE with
light Showers At 6 raised Sperm whales lowered 2 Boats
At 8 returned At 9 lowered At 1 Past Merid Struck a
whale turned him up 1/4 of a mile to windward of Ship
& towed him down & got stove by the whales coming
up under the Boat Lat 23 27
Tuesday 2nd Long 48 40



First Part lively breezes from East
the Boats all off after Whales At 1 P.M. the Waist
Boat struck & in that time let him to Spouting thick
blood At 2.30 took him to the Ship got Dinner & Commence
Cutting on the other whale at 4 had his Body in At
8 started the works At 3 P.M. Exchanged Signals with
Ship Phoenix At 4 Saw her whaling
later All hands Employed Cutting & Boiling fresh Meats
& Squally Latitude Obs 23 37
Long Merid 48 35

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Cruising for Sperm Whales
Wednesday March 3rd

First Part fresh Breezes from East Some Squally
& Showery All hands Employed Cutting & Boiling At 3.30
finest the Body were Ship to SE got ready for
tackling the Jubel after Supper Commenced it Boiling
about 7 o'clock At 4.30 the had 2 Joints of Beef
watch Employed Boiling the remainder of the Night At 6
the had to Cool down on the account of rain very heavy
Showers & Short intervals Bailed one Case & have the other
in on Deck to ends with strong breezes & heavy rain
No Observations

Thursday 4th

All these 24 hours strong but mostly breezes from
ENE to NNE with heavy & hard rains first Part
Bailed the other case & later Employed in Cutting up
Blubber Put it in Cask & heading it up 9 C
to Ends & no Observations Ship's head SE to East

Friday 5th

Commences with strong breezes from NE rainy
All hands Employed hoisting Blubber out the Blubber
room On Deck Cutting it up 9 C At 2 P.M. started the
works the weather better Middle Moderate with light
rain At intervals later All hands Employed Cutting up
Joints & Boiling the same No Observations Meridian
A heavy Shower Cool down Long About 49 15

Saturday 6th

Commences rainy At 3 Cleared up more Ship to N.W. All hands
Employed in various jobs Shifted Boats & Middle some rain
At 4 the heavy rain Cool down At later small air & Calms
All hands Employed Boiling washing out between Decks &
Sunday 7th Long 49 00

Commences with small air & Calms At Ship in sight
to N.W. All hands Emp Boiling washing between Decks
& C Middle Moderate & Showery At 8 the made a final
finish of Boiling A Sail in Light At 2 Points off weather good
At 8 got whale 3 Sails & 1/2 Sail lively breeze from
NE Cloudy hazy weather Steered N.W. by the wind
At 11 raised another Sail 1 Point off Latitude Obs 23 46
Weather Bow Longitude At 10 A.M. 49 07