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Remarks On Board Bark *Boscoe*

Tuesday Novemb 24 1847

First Part lively breezes from ENE fine weather
All the boats off trying to conquer the seas & diving
Best at 12:30 succeeded in getting another boat fast & 4 towed
him up After being fast 2 hours #3 took him to ship
Later all hands emp cutting small breezes from East &
Clear saw several whales in the first part of the day
One sight off Lat Obs 23° 21' Long N Merid 48° 23'

Wednesday 3rd

First Part light breezes from ENE fine clear weather
At 3 PM finished cutting set all sail to Northward #4
raised & shoal of sperm whales going quick to Southward
Lowered 3 boats but could not get fast the main boat
got near the whale perceived the boat middle carried double
masts & sailing later fresh breezes & clear saw breaches
to windward under whale topsails emp boiling &c
Lat 23° 34' Long 48° 15'

Thursday 4th

First Part fresh breezes from East clear weather
On diff tacks saw breaches to windward middle
carried double reefs later lively breezes from East to
ENE steered to Northward by the wind under all sail
emp boiling Lat Obs 23° 40' Long N Merid 48° 08'
Note saw exp a South Current of 3 miles

Friday 5th

All these 24 hours lively breezes from ENE to East & fine
weather At 2 PM tacked to SE At 6 saw a breach Carried
all sail during the night At 3 AM tacked to NNE emp boiling
At 9 AM finished the blubber Latitude 23° 20' Long 48° 25'

Saturday 6th

All these 24 hours fine moderate weather wind from
East to ENE first part steered to Northward middle on
diff tacks later to NW At 10 saw the land At 3 PM finished
boiling & At 11 saw a breach to NW run for it Lat 23° 01'
Note the Chronometer gives the Long 15 miles to west of the ship
Long #2 47° 32' the land 15 miles off

Sunday 7th

All these 24 hours moderate breezes from ENE to East & fine
weather At 2 PM steered to SE by the wind At sunset single
reeft At 2 AM tacked to North At 9 AM tacked to SE
So ends & 80 whales Latitude 23° 30' Long N Merid 48° 00'

Monday 8th

All these 24 hours fine pleasant weather on diff
tacks middle under double reefs later all hands emp
stowing down on L.S. side of Lat Obs 23° 47'
After dark saw humpbacks Long N Merid 48° 14'

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Cruising Off East Coast of Madagascar

Tuesday 9th of November
All these 24 hours light breezes from ENE fine
pleasant weather first part steered to SE by the
wind At 13 middle tacked to North later saw hump
& finback whales first part all hands emp stowing
down Lat Obs 23° 28' Long Merid 49° 34'

Wednesday 10th

All these 24 hours moderate breezes from ENE fine
clear & pleasant weather first part steered to Northward
middle to SE later to Northward So ends & 80 whales
Latitude Obs 22° 45' Long 49° 08'

Thursday 11th

First Part lively breezes from ENE fine clear
weather steered to Northward under all sail At
sunset tacked to SE Carried hole topsails during
the night later fresh At 6 tacked ship to North
At 8 saw breaches but did not ascertain what they
were Lat Obs 22° 37' Long Merid 49° 42'

Friday 12th

All these 24 hours fresh breezes from ENE hazy
& some cloudy first part steered to SE by the wind
At 5 raised & shoal of sperm whales coming to wind
quick lowered but could not cut them off they were
going like steamboats to ENE & I think about 50 of
them middle under double reefs later saw breaches
Latitude 22° 11' Long 50° 00'

Saturday 13th

All these 24 hours lively breezes from ENE fine weather first
part saw pumpers the ground is quite lively first & middle
steered to SE later to NW Latitude Obs 22° 06' Long 50° 50'
Note the ground the last 3 days has been quite lively cutters
Porpoises flyfish & skipjacks

Sunday 14th

All these 24 hours moderate breezes from ENE fine pleasant
weather first part steered to West & NW under all sail
later to NW & SW NW So ends another day & 80 whales
Note have experienced 20 miles Northward Current Lat Obs 21° 57'

Monday 15th

All these 24 hours lively breezes from East to NE later some
squally first part steered SE later NW NW emp turning out
whales for a pipe carriage Lat Obs 22° 17' Long Merid 50° 04'

Tuesday 16th

All these 24 hours lively breezes from ENE to NNE
mostly cloudy first part steered SW later West At
12 Merid spoke ship Leonidas Fairhaven 15 months out
800 sperm Lat 22° 51' Long N Merid 49° 42'