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Bark Roscoe In Search of S Whales
Wednesday Decemb 29th 1847

First part fresh breezes from NE by the wind to NWS.
Middle strong & increasing & blowing reef the 3 sails
At 9 AM Move ship to East under Double reef reef
The mainsail strong gusts & hard rain At 10 A hard
squall from NW killed up every thing with thick
heavy rain Ends thick & rainy & Calm

Thursday 30th

Commences small airs from North Ward thick & rainy
At 4 cleared with A Moderate breeze from NNE Set All
Sail to NW Saw A Bark to the NW called it the Fort
At 6:30 tacked ship to East Middle The came up her course
NE later Moderate breezes from NWS fine weather Steered
NE Saw A Gail long way to windward Lat Obs 21° 13'
Rate. Opened 4th bble of meat Long #10 All Obs 57° 24.00
& maid 27 bunches commenced By the mean of 2 Luny 57° 14.00
in the morning on the later
Part of this Day sea account
or in the morning of the 30th
Civil account

Friday 31st

First Part Moderate breezes from NWS fine clear
weather Steered NE At 7 wind killed to SW Saw A
Merchant Bark bound to Westward Middle Calm
later light from SW Steered NE on bent mainsail
to mend saw A Ship bound to Westward Lat 26° 18'

Long #10 All Obs 58° 10.00

Saturday 1st of January 1848

By Lunar 57° 58'

All these 24 hours Moderate breezes from SSW to
SSE fine pleasant weather first Part Steered NE
At sunset took in sail to Double reefs & headed to
Eastward later Steered NNE under all sail fresh morning
& bent mainsail saw Porpoases & some flyfish & squid
Lat Obs 35° 07' Long At 10 All Obs 58° 50'

Sunday 2nd

By Lunar 59° 00.30

First Part lively breezes from SSE fine clear weather
Steered NNE under All sail Middle under Short sail to
Eastward later Steered NWS under All sail lively breeze from
SE Ends light Lat 24° 53' Long Merid 48° 30'

Monday 3rd

First Part light breezes from SE to SSE Steered SW At 1 PM
Spoke British Brig Iris of Liverpool from West Coast of
Africa for Mauritius & 4 Months from England Middle light
airs & Calms headed to Southward A Bark past bound to
Westward later small breezes from Southward Steered to Westward
Saw A Brig bound to Northward Latitude 35° 27' Long Merid 57° 55'

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Tuesday January 4th 1848
All these 24 hours small airs from the Westward & from
Northward & Calm Steered to North Westward but no whales
to be seen Lat obs 25° 24' Long Merid 57° 23' E

Wednesday 5th

First part Calm Middle small breezes from SSE later light
from ESE Steered NWS under all sail To Ends Another 24 hours
& no Whales Painted Starle Boat Lat 25° 01' Long Merid 57° 09'

Thursday 6th

First Part too light breezes from ESE clear & very fine
Steered NNE under all sail Middle under Double reef later
Steered SWS under all sail with A lively breeze from East
Saw A Ship bound to Westward Lat Obs 25° 23'
Northence I have been in this Long 56° 50'
Vicinity have seen 2 finbacks several
shoals of porpoases one of Blackfish
& A few flyfish but no bacore or
skipjacks

Friday 7th

All these 24 hours fresh breezes from ESE to ENE fine
weather first Steered SSW & South under all sail Middle
under Double reefs to South & SSE later Steered North
To Ends & No Whales Lat Obs 25° 59' Long Merid 56° 32'

Saturday 8th

All these 24 hours fresh breezes from East to ENE
steered to North & NNE under all sail Middle under
A Double reefs on Diff tacks Lat 24° 48'

Sunday 9th

Long 56° 27'

All these 24 hours lively breezes from East fine weather
first Part Steered by the wind to NNE Middle by the
wind to NNE under Double reefs later Steered NWS 6 miles
& then SSW under all sail Lat Obs 24° 14' Long 56° 30'
first part saw A considerable many flyfish Lat Obs A few

Monday 10th

First Part of these 24 hours lively breezes from ESE fine
clear weather Steered SSW under all sail & South Middle under
Double reefs on diff tacks later Moderate from ESE Steered SSE
& South under all sail Saw A large American Merchant Ship
bound to Westward fly fish & squid Lat 25° 10' Long 56° 42' Merid
quite plenty

Tuesday 11th

All these 24 hours light moderate weather & clear wind from
East to ESE first & middle Steered to Southward later
to Northward Lat down main stay & striped it Lat 25° 36' Long 56° 48'