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Bark Roscoe Cruising for S. & M. Whales  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of January 1848

First part of these 24 hours fresh breezes from  
NNW A Bad Sea from NE under Double reefs  
At 3:30 wore ship to West A Ship & A Bark to the NE  
6 miles off Supposed to be the Leonidas & Peri Middle  
Small breezes from NW Steered to NNW under Double  
reefs Later Calm but Mostly Cloudy the Land  
in Light 50 or 60 miles off Lat 24° 36'

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
First part Small airs from Southward & Calm  
Steered to NNW Westward Middle light airs from North  
ward later About Calm At 10 A Small breeze from SE  
tacked to ENE Ends from SSE Lat 24° 44' Long 47° 24' 1/2

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Long 47° 52'  
First Part fresh breezes from SSE with some rain  
steered to Eastward by the wind Slowed Down the Oil  
in the Blubberroom Middle & later fresh from SE  
Middle rain on diff tacks later Steered NE SE parted  
the foretop of Topsail & split it to the lead on bent  
it took off the backtop & put it on the other side  
top sail & bent it condemned the other Lat 24° 14'

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Long Merid 48° 30'  
All these 24 hours fresh breezes from SE Cloudy Smoky  
weather Steered by the wind to ENE Middle in diff tacks  
later ENE & NNE To Ends 8:40 whales Lat 23° 05'  
Long 48° 56'

Monday 31<sup>st</sup>  
All these 24 hours fresh breezes from SE to ESE  
first part Steered to North till 2 then West At 5  
Spoke Bark Dove New London Douglas 15 Months out  
500 Sperm the Leonidas in Company Capt Hatch  
had taken an 80 hbl whale 6 Days previous later  
Steered on diff tacks but no whales Lat 23° 13'  
The Leonidas & Dove in sight Long At Merid 48° 52'  
Note the Lat & Long of the Whales 23° 34' - 48° 45'



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of February  
Calm & Calves Note A Strong SW Current  
First part fresh breezes from ESE fine weather  
Steered to SW under all sail At 4 left to the wind to South  
At 5:15 Raised A Shoal of Sperm whales About 1 1/2 miles  
to windward Lowered struck killed & one at 8 took  
him to the ship the Boats Chant the others off till dark  
but could not get fast At 9 AM Lat 23° 58' Long 48° 10'  
him but in light breeze & clear maid All sail to South the Peri to North

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East Coast of Madagascar  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1848

All these 24 hours light Moderate weather wind from  
ESE to ENE first part Steered on diff tacks to South West  
Middle under all sail by the wind At 3 AM tacked Ship  
to SSE later to SWS the Peri to windward of Leonidas A  
long way off Boiling Hatch Emp Boiling Lat 24° 05'  
Note the Exp A Strong SW Current Long Merid 48° 00'

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
First Part lively breezes from SSE East fine weather  
under all sail to SSE & SESS by the wind Middle fresh  
At 10 PM finesst Boiling Set Main sail At 2 AM tacked to  
NNE At 9 AM tacked to SSE Moderate breezes & beautiful  
weather Note the Exp 20 miles Westward Current Lat 24° 34' Long Merid 48° 24'

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
All these 24 hours fine breezes from East to ENE Smooth fine weather  
But heavy At 7 PM tacked Ship to NE Later All hands Emp Stowing  
down in the after hold A Bark in Light off Sea Burn on  
Same tack called her the Dove Lat 23° 59' Long At 4 PM 48° 44'

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
The later part of this day bright  
Note the Exp 20 miles for the Cabin  
First Part Moderate till 4 PM then A fresh breeze  
Set in from SE with some rain Steered by the wind  
to North Eastward At 4 finesst Slowing Down At 6 Saw  
A Breach called it A Sperm whale Middle fresh & some  
rain on diff tacks under Double reefs later fresh breeze  
& fair At 7 Saw Sperm whales lowered I struck & turned  
one up the other run up to leeward At About 12 the harpoon  
both Breach then About 10 miles from the ship Lat 23° 30' Long 48° 55'



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with fresh breezes from  
ENE Steered to ENE Boats 10 miles off from  
the ship in chase of Sperm whales struck & turned up  
A 50 hbl whale At 2:30 equally & thick rain At 4 left the  
whale with A Boat sail & A waft in him & started to  
look for the ship At 6 I got on board Mr Backer At 4:30  
Middle fresh & some rain wind from ESE to ENE  
Later All hands Emp cutting At 9 Set in thick & rainy  
At 12 had him in & set sail to SE Lat 23° 42' Long 48° 46'

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Commences thick & rainy on diff tacks At 4:30 Cleared  
Steered on diff Courses in hopes to find the Dead whale  
but no such good luck Middle strong breezes from East  
Cloudy At 10 Started the works under Double reef On top &  
Foreail later strong breezes from ENE & mostly Cloudy  
under Double reefs to Northward No Ob Long 48° 34'

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
All these 24 hours fresh breezes from ENE to East first part on diff  
tacks Middle under Double reefs At 3 AM tacked to NNE Watch  
Emp Boiling later some equally with small showers  
Lat 23° 20' Long At 10 AM 48° 57' At 3 PM 48° 34'