

January First Eighteen Hundred Fifty

This commenced a new year and I hope it will be spent better than ~~the~~ the one that is past and gone. The year begun with rain. It rained hard from 12 till 3 the wind fresh from N.W. steering S by E & at 3 Wind hauled to ~~the~~ S by E steering as before. At 5 stopped raining the forenoon pleasant with light wind from S by W rather hazy. Latitude 35° 35' South. Afternoon the same. Within 50 miles of Tristan da Cunha.

Wednesday 2nd

The first part of the day the wind was light from the West. Lighted Tristan da Cunha Inaccessible Nightingale and Goughs Islands at daylight. At 6 freshened at 6 steering S. E. for P. D. A. At 11 lay off Tristan da Cunha. Lowered away starboard Boat & went ashore. The Island rises abruptly from the sea except in one place to the height of 3360 feet and is inaccessible except at the residence of Gov. Glast which is a good landing place. There are 110 Inhabitants on the Island. Gov. Glast has 4 sons and 3 daughters living. The old man and 2 of his sons and 4 others that belong to the Island came aboard and brought 30 bushels of Potatoes aboard. At 6 P.M. set sail steering S by E wind light weather pleasant. Lat 34° 15' S. Lon 16° 48' W.

Thursday 3rd 1850

Light winds from west. At 11 A.M. wind hauled to north steering S by S ship ~~disappeared~~ of Fairhaven right ahead. In the afternoon the wind died away to almost a calm. Saw and caught an all drop this morn.

Friday 4th 1850

The wind freshened at 2 in the morning blowing from N. East course S by S. Forenoon pleasant. Broke out water from main Hatches &c. In the Afternoon the wind freshened to a pleasant gale.

Saturday 5th

At 1 A.M. the wind shifted to S.W. steering S by S continued fresh. In the afternoon the wind fell a little came on cloudy and cool.

Sunday 6th

In the morning wind hauled 2 points to north ~~and~~ fell ship rolling.

Monday 7th

Wind N.W. course S & S pleasant. Struck 2 porpoises at 8 bells in the morning. Struck another porpoise at 10 bells.

Tuesday 8th

The first part of the day cloudy. Wind N.W. course S & S. In the morning the wind hauled west blowing fresh. Struck 2 porpoises. At 10 it suddenly hauled S.W. and blew hard. Broke out of hold and got out Rice Beans & Sugar. Struck another porpoise.

Wednesday January 9th 1850

Wind blew fresh from the S.W. course S & S. In the afternoon the wind hauled west and continued blowing fresh. Cloudy with some rain.

Thursday 10th

Wind N.W. course S & S. The wind fell to almost a calm at noon. (ESE)

Friday 11th

Wind N.W. course S & S commenced blowing fresh in the morning. Weather looked bad. In the afternoon commenced raining hard. Saw 2 Right Whales in the morning and one in the afternoon. did not lower.

Saturday 12th 1850

It continued blowing hard from S.W. steering S by E till 4 o'clock P.M. when it went down and at 11 at night it was a perfect calm. Ship rolling heavy.

Sunday 13th 1850

It continued calm till noon when a breeze sprung up from the eastward steering full and by S by E. In the Afternoon it came on cloudy.

Monday Jan 14th 1850

The first part of the day calm. At 6 in the morning a breeze sprung up from N.E. steering S by E. It rained by spells during the forenoon. In the afternoon pleasant with light winds a sail 2 points off starboard.

Tuesday 15th

1st part of the day light winds S.W. by W. steering S by E. 2nd part wind continued to die away. Hull of ship seen from deck. At 4 P.M. a breeze from N.W. A pleasant day. Lat 38° 35' S.

Wednesday 16th

Wind changed to west. Nowest course S by S. Saw 3 black fish. At 5 P.M. raised a Right Whale and got him capsize. Took Right whale.

Thursday 17th

Cut in whale. In the forenoon light wind from S.W. In the afternoon calm. Finished cutting in at 1 o'clock. Commenced trying out at 4 P.M.

Friday 18th

In the forenoon calm. In the afternoon commenced blowing fresh from the West at 7 it continued to rise. continued trying out oil.

Saturday 19th

It blew almost a gale from the West all day. finished trying out at 1 o'clock.

Sunday 20th

Wind fell ship pitching and rolling badly. Made sail on her in the morning. Since Saturday morning it blew almost a gale. and trying out has been tedious. This whale capsize in water boat and the crew lay on her 4 hours. The keel was broke and one of her thwart. Since headed a boat after her was capsize of Chas. H. Sublett.