

120 days

Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Finished drying the bread and flour and stowed it down and then we went into the fore peak for the purpose of overhauling the shoeks to see what we have got and where they are. Took them all on deck and separated each cask that is all that belonged to each cask of heads. We have 7 barks of heads marked A from 1 to 97 one cask from <sup>marked</sup> B to 41. Two barks marked RX 1 to 27. One cask marked R. no crop from 1 to 41 poor things. 2 barks of R. from 1 to 28 about all been repaired. Old sperm oil pipes been cut down and I believe there is 2 barks of pipes that we did not take up. Shooked 7 bread barks and stowed them away. Had a smart shower which lasted about 15 minutes and the wind halled to the S.E. but it soon took its old place S.E. though light. Caught 3 albacore. Lat <sup>N</sup> Long <sup>W</sup>

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Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>

Caught a porpoise

Today's weight 467 lbs having increased 15<sup>th</sup> since we left home

At 2 o'clock P.M. finished stowing the shoeks in the fore peak and washed off deck and bulwarks when all hands went in a bathing. Had a good time diving and swimming for a bout an hour. The wind being light from the S.E. it was very favourable for our swimming though she would leave us unless we held on to a rope. Caught a porpoise the first one in four months. Steering W. N. W. saw a ship steering in for the coast. Lat <sup>N</sup> Long <sup>W</sup>

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Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>

Carried sundries sail steady from the 15 of March

The wind light and baffling. About 4 P.M. the wind blowed a little from the W. and brought with it plenty of rain and it was welcomed by all and all hands went on deck to see the men go into the water that had been meditated on deck like so many ducks and were making it fly in every direction notwithstanding it was evening from a breeze with great <sup>relief</sup> and continued to by spells through the night. Latter part pleasant. Commenced blacking the barks. Saw a sail. Lat <sup>N</sup> Long <sup>W</sup>

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Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

made 2 barks of beer

We are now in the thodolodooier the S.E. trades has left us at last and the wind is very light and the sun very hot finished blacking the barks and painted the bow boat inside. Nothing in sight. Lat <sup>N</sup> Long <sup>W</sup>

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Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>

To day has rained and Saturday <sup>work</sup> is finished by washing off deck for the Sabbath. It has been very warm the wind being light and sometimes fair and sometimes ahead but it makes but little difference where it is unless there is more yet we do not complain for we have been wonderfully favoured. The Capt. and myself have passed the time in scrimshanting while the blacksmith has been smelting at the forge making tools for our poor fellow he has the worst of it. Lat <sup>N</sup> Long <sup>W</sup>

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Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>

Saw a large waterspout which was very sublime. The effect was we had a short shower of rain to cool the air

The breeze has been to the S.E. to day and by our latitude we find that we have made perhaps 3/4 of our journey to whale ground and our life's journey may be nearer to an end. This reflection is to me a serious one. We do not know how soon we shall find an end to the journey of life and it grieves me to see how awkward and indifferent my shipmates are to this great subject. It is painful to see how diligent they are in reading the trashy novel to the neglect of the bible. They do not realize the great object of their existence. They seem to be determined to lose both soul and body. I say it appears so perhaps they think there is time enough yet but they may have to pay too dear for putting it off. May the Lord have mercy on them is my prayer. To day I have been unusually solemn having read a little book call the life of a pastors Daughter her name was called Susanna and <sup>exhibited</sup> whose life and character exhibited so much true piety <sup>in life</sup> who was a true pattern of exilency that it is well calculated to impress every one with the importance of making a preparation for heaven as did this young Lady who was called to another world at the early age of 19 years with the full assurance of living for ever with that blessed Saviour whom she loved to serve. O how many meet him in glory. May I be more faithful more like her.