

Feb. 23d. - Cloudy. Strong breeze. Rugged. Finished cutting. 2 P.M. commenced with the Jas. Arnold, Elizabeth and Desdemona. The body of the whale head made 70 bl. and the head 32.

Feb. 24th. - Cloudy. Strong breeze. Very rugged. At daybreak the three ships interested in the whale were all within a mile of each other, having lights set through the night. The boats were lowered and a division of the oil made. 297 gals. of our share was left in the Jas. Arnold, it was so rugged we could not well get it off. Capt. Sullivan agreed to send it home, or sell to the best advantage when he went into port. At 10 o'clock the Elizabeth, accompanied by the Desdemona, who had been laying with her main topsail aback, to windward, made sail, with a strong reef topsail breeze, bound to the S. and E. home. The Arnold and us, kept off S.W. by W. and luffed up on the wind at 4 P.M.

Feb. 25th. - Strong breeze. Rugged. 2 P.M. sail off weather beam. Bent new fore topmast stay sail.

Feb. 26th. - Weather moderated. Not hauled. Broke out between decks and put down oil.

Feb. 27th. - Wind E. Thick, foggy weather. Strong double reef topsail breeze. Very rugged. Scrubbed ship with sand. Sunset, wind increased to a gale. Furlled foresail.

Feb. 28th. - No change in the weather. Laying to. Broke out buoy.

March 1st. - Gale unrelented. Laying to under a close-reefed main topsail, main staysail, and fore topmast staysail.

March 2d. - No change in weather. Laying to.

March 3d. - Blowing a gale. Laying to. Broke out buoy.

March 4th. - do do Raining.

Mar. 5th. - Thick, foggy weather. Wind strong from N.E. Raining. There was this attempt made to wet hold which was accomplished after all the watch were wet to the skin.

Mar. 6th. - Blowing a gale. Raining hard. Wind in the same quarter. The wind hauled to the Eastward towards night which made a little better weather.

Mar. 7th. - Wind E. Rugged. Laying to. 10 A.M. the sun broke out from the heavy black clouds and gave us an opportunity to dry our clothes that had been wet for a number of days. Our decks also dried, and, by the constant action of the water that had come aboard of us, added to rain that had fallen were whiter than I have seen them before the voyage. Afternoon mended the flying jib, set the foresail, and broke out buoy and pork from the after hold. Sunset - strong double reefed topsail breeze. Wind E, heading to the northward. Lat. 31.30 N, Long. 179.33 E.

Mar. 8th. - Strong breeze, clear weather. Heading N.E. by N. 10 A.M. reef out of main topsail. Sunset - moderated.

Mar. 9th. - Fresh breeze, fine weather. Heading N.E. Sail on the lee beam. Set the boat that we bought of the Martha into the waist and commenced to fit her for lowering. At 10 A.M. sperm whales raised a point on our weather bow, half a mile off. We lowered away and were gone nearly two hours, but saw nothing of them while we were down. The old man called us aboard. All sail was made, and in an hour we saw them again. We lowered again.