

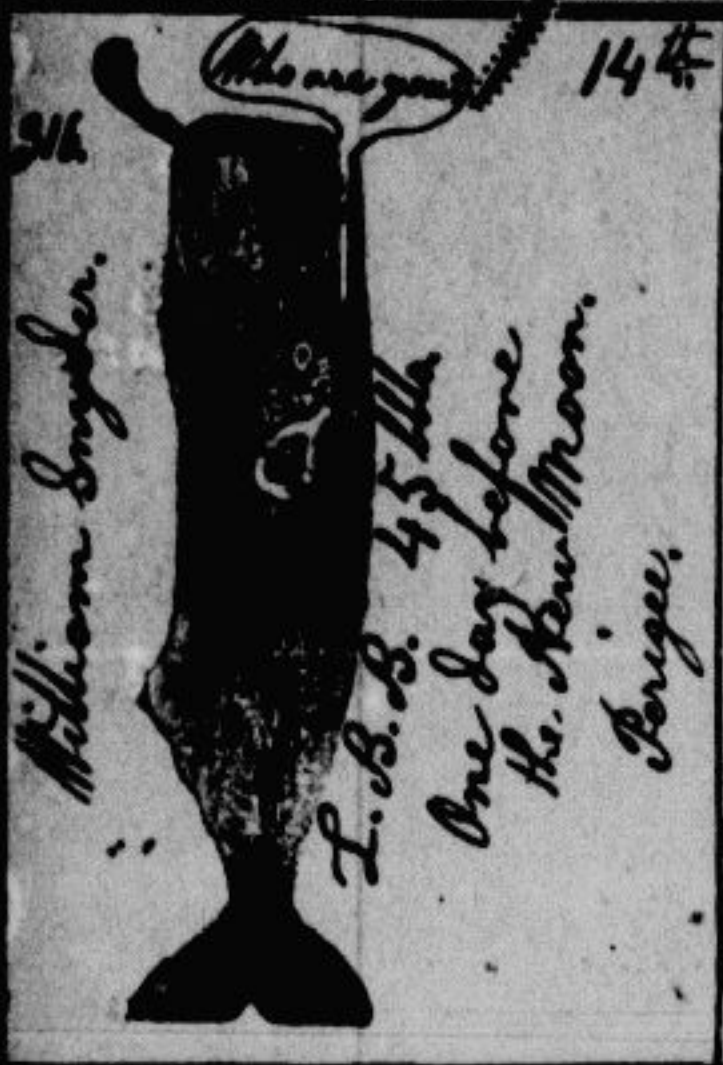
70.

Barque Smyrna of New Bedford, Mass.

Friday Oct. 20th 1854

Commences with strong breezes from N. E. heading E. S. E. and S. E. by E. under double reefed topsails & courses, middle part laying to the eastward under easy sail, latter part wind from the N. E. at 5 P. M. saw a body of sperm whales working to the S. W. at 6 P. M. lowered the boats and shortly after 7 P. M. the larboard boat struck, at 10 P. M. had the whale alongside and made preparations for cutting, at 11 P. M. the old Smyrna tumbling about at it so that the blubber tore out and let us adrift.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 18'. Long. By A 48° 37' 15".



317.

Cutting.

Saturday Oct. 21st 1854.

Begins with wind from the N. E. wore round and took the whale too leeward, cut off his head and rounded in his body by working till about 8 P. M. middle part moderate,

latter part light breezes from N. E. and N. at sunrise hooked on and took the whale's head, then filled away to the Westward.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 26'. Long. By A 48° 53' 30".

318.

Boiling Lightning Sail.

Sunday Oct. 22nd 1854.

Commences with very light baffling breezes with showers of rain, finished cutting up the whale's junk and employed boiling, middle part fresh breezes from S. S. E. with a great deal of lightning on the N. W. latter part fresh gales from the S. E. laying under a double reefed main topsail and foresail heading S. S. W. and employed boiling, saw a Bark steering to the Westward.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 42'. Long. By A 48° 55' 15". Bar. 30.17.

319.

Albatross.

Monday Oct. 23rd 1854.

Begins with fresh gales from S. E. and very rugged laying under a double reefed main topsail and foresail, employed boiling slowly and saw three albatross, middle and latter part wind from E. S. E. and rather more moderate, heading to the Southward under a double reefed main topsail and foresail, busily employed boiling with several albatross around the ship.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 26° 26'. Long. By A 48° 55' 30". Bar. 30.3.

71.

On a Whaling Voyage. A. D. 1854.

Tuesday Oct. 24th 1854.

Commences with fresh breezes from E. S. E. heading to the N. E. under a double reefed main topsail and foresail and employed boiling, middle part more moderate at midnight cooled down, latter part light breezes from E. S. E. and pleasant weather heading to the Northward with all the light sails out.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 45'. Long. By A 48° 59' 15". Bar. 30.3.

320.

Stow down.

Wednesday Oct. 25th 1854.

Begins with moderate breezes from E. S. E. and pleasant, heading to the Northward with the main top gallant sail out, middle part heading to the Eastward, latter part fresh breezes from the N. E. heading N. N. W. under double reefed topsails and foresail,

employed breaking out for stowing down oil.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 25'. Long. By A 49° 03' 45". Bar. 30.2.

321.



Thursday Oct. 26th 1854.

Commences with strong breezes from N. E. heading N. N. W. under double reefed topsails and foresail, finished stowing down forty-five barrels of oil, at nearly 6 P. M. saw a sperm whale going quick too windward, lowered one boat but it was of no use, middle part laying under easy sail, latter part strong breezes from N. N. E. heading to the N. W. under double reefed topsails and foresail, employed sending empty casks off deck, and clearing between decks.

So ends &c. Lat. By D. R. 25° 20'. Long. By D. R. 49° 00' 00". Bar. 30.07.

Thunder Lightning & Rain.

Friday Oct. 27th 1854.

Begins with strong breezes from N. and rugged with some passing squalls, at 3 P. M. wore round to the E. S. E. under double reefed topsails and foresail, at about 6 P. M. took a squall from the S. W. with thunder, lightning and rain, middle part baffling airs and calms, the old Bark tumbling about at a very great rate, latter part strong breezes from S. W. steering N. N. E. under a whole main topsail, double reefed fore topsail and foresail, and the light sails loosed to try.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 23'. Long. By A 50° 20' 45". Bar. 30.17.