

Barque Smyrna of New Bedford, Mass.

481.

Fore-sail.

Tuesday April 3rd 1855.

Commenced with light breezes from S. S. E. and cloudy, heading to the S. E. under all sail, three whalers in sight, (none out for four) middle part some rainy, latter part strong breezes from S. S. E. heading to the S. W. under double reefed topsails and courses, employed repairing an old foresail. Do ends. Lat. By obs. 26° 5'. Long. By D. R. 108° 10' 00". Bar. 30.3. +.

482.

Lapwing.

Wednesday April 4th 1855.

Begins with strong breezes from S. S. E. heading S. W. under double reefed topsails and courses, spoke the ship Lapwing of New Bedford 144 mos. out, 1350 lbs. of 600 wh. middle part moderate, latter part fresh breezes from S. S. E. heading to the S. W. under double reefed topsails and courses, and saw a finback. Do ends. Lat. By obs. 27° 40'. Long. By D. R. 107° 37' 15". Bar. 30.3.

483.

Wm. Williams.
Bark 21st
S. S. E. heading
the day after the
Smyrna.

New Fore-sail.

Thursday April 5th 1855.

Commenced with fresh breezes from S. S. E. heading to the Eastward under a whole main topsail, double reefed fore topsail and courses, at 4 P. M. saw a body of sperm whales working into the S. W. at 5 P. M. lowered the boats and gave chase, the starboard boat went up to one, the boatster darted against the whale but did not fasten, came alongside, took up the boats, and shortened sail for the night, two sails in sight, middle and latter part strong breezes sent down the new foresail to repair, and bent the old hemp one in its place. Do ends. Lat. By obs. 27° 39'. Long. By D. R. 107° 20' 45". Bar. 30.3.

484.

Red letters
inc. in 1857
Elisha Dunbar.
Coffee.
Stated 19th Nov.

Friday April 6th 1855.

Begins with strong breezes from S. S. E. heading S. W. under reefed topsails and foresail, saw the Bark St. Houghton's boats down whaling and spoke the Bark Elisha Dunbar of New Bedford 5 mos. out, 100 lbs. of oil, middle part laying to the Eastward, latter part strong breezes from the S. S. E. and rugged heading to the S. W. under a close reefed fore topsail, double reefed main topsail and foresail, two whalers in sight, and broached a cask of coffee. Do ends. Lat. By obs. 27° 45'. Long. By D. R. 107° 25' 30". Bar. 30.3.

Off the West Coast of New Holland. A.D. 1855.

485.

Strong Breeze.

Saturday April 7th 1855.

Commenced with strong breezes from S. S. E. heading to the Eastward under reefed topsails and foresail, middle part heading the same, latter part carrying reefed topsails and courses heading to the S. W. Do ends. Lat. By obs. 28° 09'. Long. By D. R. 107° 03' 30". Bar. 30.2. +.

486.

Smoky.

Sunday April 8th 1855.

Begins with fresh breezes from S. S. E. heading S. W. under reefed topsails and courses, the St. Houghton in sight, middle part more moderate, latter part light breezes from S. E. heading E. N. E. under all sail except the fore top gallant sail. Do ends. Lat. By obs. 28° 04'. Long. By D. R. 107° 50' 15". Bar. 30.3.

487.

Finback.

Monday April 9th 1855.

Commenced with brisk breezes from the Southward heading E. and S. S. E. under the topsails and courses, and saw a finback, middle part laying under easy sail, latter part light breezes from S. S. E. and smoky, steering N. W. with the main top gallant sail out, employed middle stitching the flying jib, and shortening the cutting pennants, the Cooper employed repairing casks. Do ends. Lat. By obs. 27° 27'. Bar. 30.1. +.
Long. By D. R. at 10 A. M. 107° 39' 30". By Lunar. 108° 05' 00". By D. R. at 4 P. M. 107° 30' 00".

488.

Jumper & Finback.
Carcase.

Tuesday April 10th 1855.

Begins with pleasant breezes from S. S. East, weather some smoky, steering N. W. by W. with the main top gallant sail out, saw a jumper and a finback, middle part moderate, latter part light breezes from S. S. E. heading S. W. by W. put new leech ropes to the fore top gallant sail, and passed another whale's carcase, (there is some lucky ones in this world). Do ends. Lat. By obs. 27° 20'. Long. By D. R. 107° 01' 30". Bar. 30.2. +.

489.

Grampus's.
Water & Pork.

Wednesday April 11th 1855.

Commenced with light breezes from the Southward heading S. W. by W. middle part heading to the Eastward under easy sail, latter part calm, employed breaking out for water and pork, saw grampus's and a shark. Do ends. Lat. By D. R. 27° 10'. Long. By D. R. 107° 25' 00". Bar. 30.2. +.