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Bark Smyrna of New-Bedford, Mass.

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Main
Top S. Halliards
Gamming.Saturday Dec. 8th 1855.

Begins with very light breezes from S. and pleasant, heading N. by S. under all sail, rose new main top gallant halliards (2 1/2 in. 2 faths) two sails in sight, sails are plenty, but whales are scarce, in the evening had a gamy with the Mm. & Elisa and Sonia, the M.B. 1050 sp. The Sonia 55 sp.

middle part laying under short sail, latter part light breezes from S. S. E. heading to the S. W. with the main top gallant sail out, the Mm. & Elisa in sight, saw a bill-fish and a shark.

Do endsge. Lat. By obs. 24° 15'. Long. By A. 48° 20' 00".

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29thSunday Dec. 9th 1855.

Commences with light breezes from S. E. and pleasant at 1 P.M. saw several sperm whales working to the E. S. E. lowered the boats and gave chase, the starboard boat struck and killed one, the second iron dived three times and cut the line so that it parted and when the whale died he sunk. (two thousand dollars gone) the waist boat was up to another whale and the boatster missed him, at sunset shortened sail, saw a whale working to the N. W. middle and latter part light breezes from S. E. and pleasant at 10 P.M. saw several sperm whales that were inclined to work to the Eastward, the Mm. & Elisa in sight, at about noon lowered our boats.

Do endsge. Lat. By obs. 24° 24'. Long. By A. 48° 00' 30".

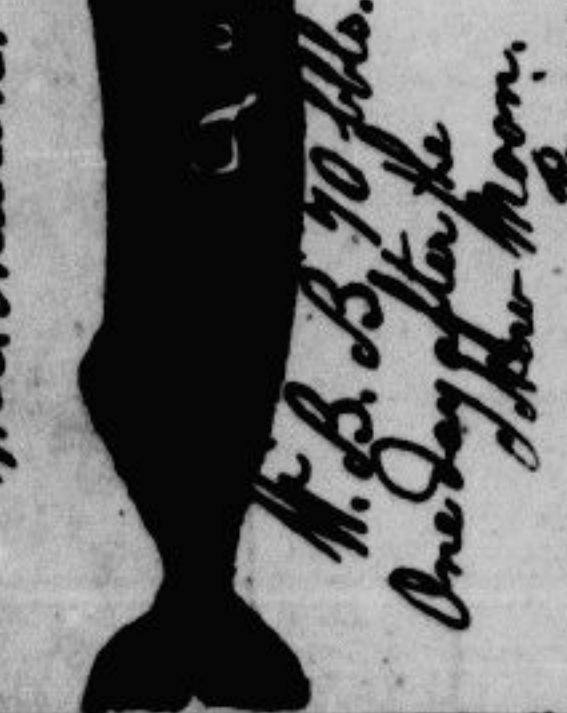
732.

30thMonday Dec. 10th 1855.

Begins with moderate breezes from E. N. E. the boats down in pursuit of whales, the waist boat struck one and had the bottom of his boat stove in, towed her alongside and hoisted her in, the larboard boat killed the whale, at sunset had him alongside with two fluke chains on, and the bark under double reefed topsails, jib and spanker trying to haul him a little distance off shore, middle part carrying the same sail, latter part brisk breezes from E. N. E. took the whale on the starboard side and commenced cutting, at noon had the head off and body about half in.

Do endsge. Lat. By obs. 24° 44'. Long. By A. 48° 00' 15".

Mr. Marsh.



Mr. Marsh.
S. S. E. 10 fms.
One day after the
New Moon.
Breeze.

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Cruising off Port Dauphin. A.D. 1855.

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Tuesday Dec. 11th 1855.

Boiling.

Commences with brisk breezes from the N. E. and some squally at night had the whale cut in, and filled away to the E. S. E. under a close reefed main topsail and foresail, middle part fresh gales and rainy, latter part fresh breezes from N. E. and squally with showers of rain, all hands busily employed boiling.

Do endsge. Lat. By obs. 25° 00'. Long. By A. 48° 52' 45".

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Boiling.

Wednesday Dec. 12th 1855.

Begins with brisk breezes from N. E. with many passing clouds, bark under easy sail heading S. E. by E. all hands busily employed boiling, middle part moderate heading the same, latter part light breezes from N. E. heading N. W. by N. under double reefed topsails and foresail, all hands busily employed boiling.

Do endsge. Lat. By obs. 25° 09'. Long. By A. 49° 08' 00".

735.

New Boat.
Cooled down.Thursday Dec. 13th 1855.

Commences with moderate breezes from E. N. East and smoky, heading to the Northward and employed boiling at 11 P.M. passed through a strip of dead bait extending to the N. E. and S. W. put out a new boat on the waist cranes, middle part moderate heading to the Northward at about 4 P.M. cooled down the works, (kutter all gone again) latter part brisk breezes from N. E. and smoky heading N. W. by N. under double reefed topsails and foresail, and saw a finback. Do endsge. Lat. By obs. 24° 34'. Long. By A. 49° 08' 00".

736.

Repairing Boat.

Friday Dec. 14th 1855.

Begins with brisk breezes from N. E. heading N. W. by N. under double reefed topsails, foresail, jib and spanker middle part under short sail, latter part fresh breezes from N. E. steering N. under double reefed topsails and foresail, employed repairing the waist boat.

Do endsge. Lat. By obs. 24° 11'. Long. By A. 48° 59' 30".

737.

Stowing Down.

Saturday Dec. 15th 1855.

Commences with brisk breezes from N. E. saw a large breach, middle part strong breezes, latter part fresh gales from N. N. W. heading N. E. by E. and employed stowing down oil.

Do endsge. Lat. By obs. 24° 24'. Long. By A. 49° 09' 45".