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Bark *Myrna* of New Bedford, Mass.

738.

Chase.Sunday Dec. 16th 1855.

Begins with fresh breezes from the Northward and onshore, at 5 P.M. finished stowing down seventy bbls. of oil, and spoke the ship *Mm. & Elisa*, middle part wind from N. S. W. and some rain, latter part fresh breezes from S. S. W. heading to the Westward under double reefed topsails and courses, saw a finback, the N. S. E. in sight. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 01'. Long. By ϕ 48° 49' 00".

739.

Repairing Boat.Monday Dec. 17th 1855.

Commenced with fresh breezes from S. S. W. to S. heading to the Westward under the topsails and courses, spoke the *Mm. & Elisa* and bought some irons, middle part under short sail, latter part brisk breezes from S. S. E. heading to the S. W. with the main top gallant sail and flying jib out, employed repairing the waist boat. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 13'. Long. By ϕ 48° 42' 00".

740.

Tuesday Dec. 18th 1855.

Begins with brisk breezes from S. E. heading S. S. W. under the topsails and courses, shortly before sunset saw sperm whales but too late to lower the boats, the whales being too far off, middle part under easy sail, latter part wind from S. S. E. surging off and steered N. W. under double reefed topsails and foresail, at 9 P.M. saw a pod of sperm whales going quick to the S. E. lowered three boats and chased without success. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 34'. Long. By ϕ 48° 24' 15".

741.

Wednesday Dec. 19th 1855.

Commenced with brisk breezes from S. E. heading E. N. E. under all sail except the two gallant sails, at 2 P.M. saw sprouts but did not ascertain for a certainty what they were (supposed to be sperm whales going quick too windward) employed repairing the waist boat, the *Mm. & Elisa* in sight, middle part moderate, latter part light breezes from E. S. E. steering S. W. at 10 P.M. saw a pod of small sperm whales going quick to the E. N. E. lowered and chased without success. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 49'. Long. By ϕ 48° 24' 30".

159.

In the Indian Ocean. A.D. 1855.

742.

Thursday Dec. 20th 1855.

Begins with brisk breezes from E. S. E. the boats in pursuit of whales, at about 4 P.M. took up the boats the whales still going quick; at sunset saw more whales going quick too windward (no chance again) middle part laying to the Southward under short sail, latter part brisk breezes from E. S. E. steering N. S. W. with the top gallant sails out, busy repairing the waist boat. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 40'. Long. By ϕ 47° 20' 15".

743.

Squally.Friday Dec. 21st 1855.

Commenced with fresh breezes from E. S. E. and some squally steering N. by S. with the top gallant sails out, finished repairing the waist boat and put her overhead, saw a finback, and started *Vea*, middle part brisk breezes steering the same course, latter part moderate breezes from the Eastward steering N. N. W. and employed breaking out between decks, saw a finback. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 26° 49'. Long. By ϕ 45° 11' 15".

744.

All Sail.Saturday Dec. 22nd 1855.

Begins with very moderate breezes from the N. E. and pleasant steering N. W. under all sail, middle part light breezes from the Northward heading to the Westward under all sail, latter part light breezes from N. S. W. to S. S. W. and some rain steering N. N. W. under all sail, saw humpbacks, finbacks and grampuses. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 26° 26'. Long. By D. R. 43° 50' 00".

745.

Rainy.Sunday Dec. 23rd 1855.

Commenced with light baffling breezes and rain, steering N. N. W. with all the light sails in, middle part steering N. W. latter part wind from N. to W. at 9 P.M. saw part of the coast of Madagascar, bearing E. S. E. per compass, Dist. 30 miles. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 19'. Long. By ϕ 43° 32' 15".

746.

Land.Monday Dec. 24th 1855.

Begins with very light airs from the Westward heading to the Northward under all sail, middle and latter part light land breezes heading to the Northward under all sail, find a strong current setting to the Southward. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 45'. Long. By ϕ 43° 26' 45".