

# Bark Smyrna of New Bedford, Mass.

# On a Whaling Voyage. A. D. 1856.

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916.

Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Started Water.

Begins with light breezes from the Eastward and pleasant, steering S. bent the main top gallant sail again, at night shortened sail and took in the larboard boat, middle part moderate, latter part light breezes from N. N. E. heading N. W. under all sail, employed repairing the larboard boat and started water.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 26. 56'. Long. By Ac. 106. 44. 30'.

920.

Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Cooled down.

Begins with light breezes from N. N. E. and pleasant, heading E. with the main top gallant sail and flying jib out, busily employed boiling, middle part moderate, latter part light breezes from N. N. E. heading to the N. W. with the main top gallant sail and flying jib out, at about 11 A. M. cooled down the works for the lack of blubber, one sail in sight too leeward.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25. 51'. Long. By Ac. 108. 32. 15'.

917.

Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Repairing Boat.

Commences with light breezes from N. N. E. heading N. W. under all sail, and employed repairing the larboard boat, and saw two humpbacks, middle part laying to the Eastward under double reefed topsails, latter part fresh breezes from N. N. W. heading to the N. E. under double reefed topsails and courses, and finished repairing the larboard boat.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 27. 04'. Long. By Ac. 107. 37. 30'.

921.

Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Dutch Ship. 

Commences with brisk breezes from N. N. E. heading to the N. W. at about 3 P. M. exchanged colors with a Dutch Ship heading the same, middle part brisk breezes, latter part fresh breezes from N. N. E. heading to the Westward under the topsails and courses, saw a humpback cow and calf, several Cape pigeons and a whaling Bark, at 11 A. M. saw sprouts that we called a sperm whale.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 26. 01'. Long. By D. R. 107. 50. 00'.

918.

Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Rainy.

Begins with fresh breezes from N. N. W. heading to the N. E. under double reefed topsails & courses, middle part wind from S. W. to S. and some rainy steering N. by E. under reefed topsails and foresail, latter part light breezes from S. E. at 9 A. M. saw a school of cow whales working to the N. E. lowered and gave chase, at noon the boats away from the ship fast too a whale.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 26. 01'. Long. By Ac. 107. 51. 15'.

922.

42<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1856.

 *Both C. Ruggs* *Gull Moon.* *Officer.*

Begins with brisk breezes from N. put more sail on the Bark and chased the whales that we saw in the forenoon, found them to be two sperm whales going quick to the E. S. E. at 2 P. M. lowered the boats for them, at 3 P. M. the wind changed suddenly to the Westward and came on rainy so that we lost sight of the whales altogether, about 4 P. M. took up the boats, middle part fresh gales from S. W. heading N. N. W. under a double reefed main topsail and spencers, latter part strong breezes from S. S. W. and squally heading to the Westward under double reefed topsails and foresail, one sail in sight too windward.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25. 50'. Long. By Ac. 107. 27. 15'.

919.

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1856.

 *Antonia Richards.* *Thurs. Day before the* *Gull Moon.* *4/14* *S. S. to 25 M.* *Officer.*

Commences with light breezes from the S. E. at about 1 P. M. the starboard boat took a whale alongside and made preparations for cutting, the other two boats went too windward in pursuit of the school but did not get fast, at about 3 P. M. commenced cutting, at sunset had the whale in and shortened sail for the night, middle part unsteady breezes with showers of rain, latter part light breezes from N. E. heading E. S. E. cleared away the whale's head and started the fire.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25. 44'. Long. By Ac. 108. 05. 30'.

923.

Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Stowing down.

Commences with fresh breezes from S. S. W. heading to the Westward under double reefed topsails and courses, at 3 P. M. steered off N. N. E. saw a Merchant Ship steering N. N. W. middle part fresh breezes, latter part more moderate employed stowing down oil and saw a Merchantman.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24. 47'. Long. By Ac. 107. 23. 00'.