

## Bark Smyrna of New Bedford Mass.

1117.

English Briggs  
Thel Rore.Monday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Commences with very moderate breezes from the Eastward and baffling with rain, heading different ways, saw a school of porpoises and a hermaphrodite brig steering to the Westward (English) middle part laying to the Southward under short sail, latter part light breezes from the S. E. heading to the S. E. under all sail, and broke out for beef and bread the bonny in sight astern, rose new whal ropes. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 13'. Long. By  $\odot$  49° 30' 30". Bar. 29.7+.

1118.

Sonnia (2554).

Tuesday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Begins with light breezes from the E. N. E. and cloudy steering S. E. W. saw the Sonnia and one other sail, the Sonnia 2554, the H. H. Crapo put away for home three or four days previous, middle part laying to the Southward under short sail, latter part heading the same under the topsails and courses till about 10 A.M. then wore to the Northward broke out two half barrels of pork and saw two sails. So ends &c. Lat. By D. R. 25° 25'. Long. By  $\odot$  48° 59' 15". Bar. 29.8+.

1119.

Smcky.

Wednesday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1856.

Commences with brisk breezes from E. N. East and smoky, heading to the Northward and S. N. W. under the topsails and courses, middle part laying under short sail heading to the S. E. E. latter part moderate breezes from the Northward heading to the Westward under all sail, saw a breach, a finback and one sail, at about noon report was made of land in sight from the mast head, but I am inclined to think it was a mistake, for our Long. at noon was 48° 16' 00". So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 47'. Long. By  $\odot$  at 3 P.M. 48° 23' 30". Bar. 29.7+.

The year 1856 has passed away never to be recalled. During that year we have seen sperm whales eighteen times, have struck eleven times but I am sorry to say that of all that number we have saved but four, which that made us about ninety barrels of oil, and that is what I call rather discouraging work towards getting a voyage, for owners expect a man to get a voyage at all hazards, but, to lay superstition aside, it does seem to me at times that the Bark Smyrna is one of that kind of vessels that is called unlucky, and I suspect it will prove to be a bad job for me that ever I shipped to her, after I shall have arrived in the presence of the Owners once more.

G. B. A.

## Off Fort Dauphin A.D. 1857.

1120.

H. H. Crapo  
put away for home.  
P. F. F. F. F.Thursday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1857.

Begins with brisk breezes from N. to S. W. heading to the Eastward and S. E. under the topsails and courses, saw two Barbs gamming under our lee, middle part laying to the S. E. under short sail, latter part brisk breezes from the South at 6 A.M. spoke the Bark H. H. Crapo, 390 bbls. of, and put letters aboard as she leaves the ground to day, at 8 A.M. filled away and steered off S. E. by S. under reefed topsails and courses, and sent down the fore top gallant yard and saw another sail. So ends &c. Lat. By D. R. 24° 50'. Long. By  $\odot$  48° 20' 00". Bar. 29.9+.

1121.

Martha  
finback.Friday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1857.

Commences with brisk breezes from S. N. W. heading to the Westward under reefed topsails and courses, saw a sail under our lee, (Martha) at 5 P.M. saw white water that proved to be a finback, middle part wind from S. E. E. heading to the Eastward under short sail, latter part brisk breezes from the S. E. E. heading to the Eastward under double reefed topsails, jib and spanker, one sail in sight. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 13'. Long. By  $\odot$  at 2 P.M. 48° 32' 00". Lunar. 48° 24' 30". Bar. 29.9+.

1122.

Rainy.  
Jib Boom.Saturday Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1857.

Begins with wind from the S. N. E. heading S. W. under the topsails and courses, one sail in sight to leeward, unbent the flying jib and sent it in, Long. By  $\odot$  at 3 P.M. 48° 34' 00". middle part moderate breezes with rain, latter part brisk breezes from N. E. heading to the S. E. with the main top gallant sail out, one sail in sight, and rigged in the flying jib boom. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 27'. Long. By  $\odot$  48° 34' 00". Lunar. 48° 39' 15". Bar. 29.9+.

1123.

One Sail.  
jumper.Sunday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Commences with pleasant breezes from N. E. heading to the S. E. with the main top gallant sail out, one sail in sight too windward, middle part heading the same under easy sail, latter part pleasant breezes from S. E. steering S. W. and N. N. W. with the main top gallant sail out, and saw a jumper. So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 37'. Long. By  $\odot$  47° 59' 45". Lunar. 47° 42' 15". Bar. 30.0.