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Bark Smyrna of New Bedford, Mass.

1150.

Cooling down.Saturday Jan 31st 1857.

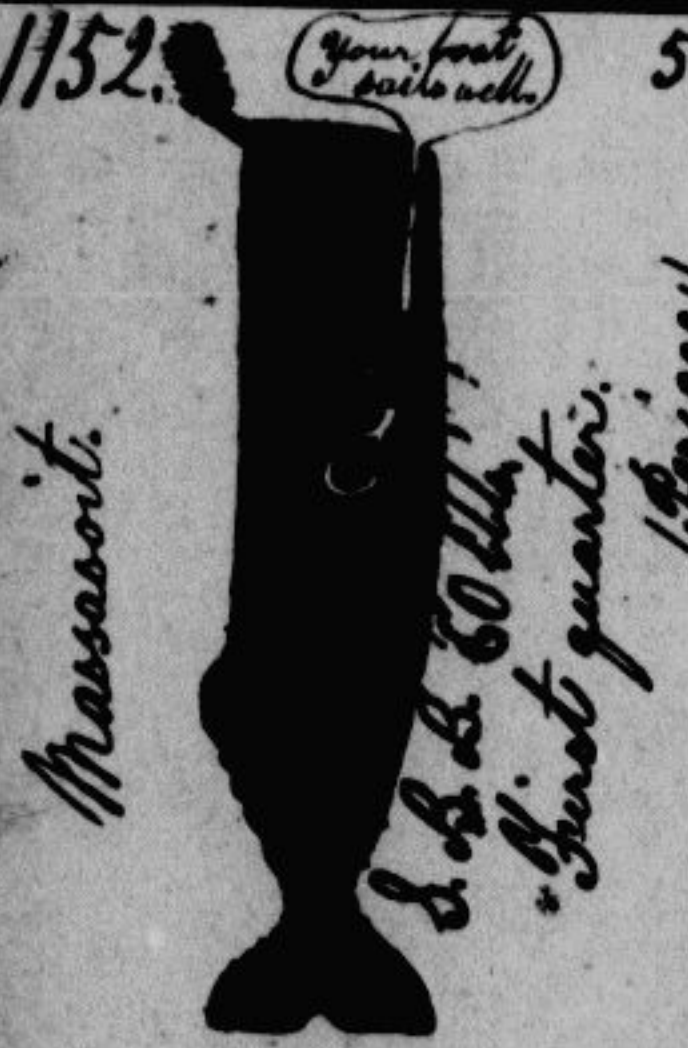
Begins with very light airs from the Eastward and calm, busy employed boiling, saw two sails and a large head, middle part moderate, at about 3 P.M. cooled down the works for the want of blubber, latter part very light airs from N. N. E. heading to the Eastward and saw two sails. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 53'. Long. By obs. 49° 12' 00". Bar. 29.7.

1151.

Saw the Bark Massasoit Whaling.Sunday Feb 1st 1857.

Commenced with a calm, saw two grampuses, and a plenty of dolphins and albacores, and one sail, middle part moderate breezes from the Southward, latter part wind from the Southward heading to the Eastward under the topsails and courses till 8 P.M. when we perceived that the Bark Massasoit was whaling under our lee kept off, made more sail and ran down towards her, at about noon the whale in sight, found that they were going quick to the Northward. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 16'. Long. By obs. 48° 47' 45". Bar. 29.8.

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Monday Feb 2nd 1857.

Begins with brisk breezes from the Southward at about 2 P.M. lowered two boats for the whales that we saw before noon, the starboard boat struck one, shortly before sunset hauled him alongside and put on a fluke chain off one of the chain cables, set double reefed topsails to try and haul him a little distance off shore, the Herald and Massasoit went out of sight to the Northward, middle part carrying the same sail, latter part high breezes from S. S. E. hooked to the whale and commenced cutting at noon the head off, the jaw and part of the body in, saw the Bark Massasoit under our lee standing to the S. W. So ends. Lat. By obs. 23° 38'. Long. By obs. at 9 P.M. 48° 44' 45". Bar. 29.8.

1153.

Boiling.Tuesday Feb 3rd 1857.

Commenced with very moderate breezes from the Southward at 4 P.M. had the whale in, at 7 P.M. the case was boiled and moved, middle and latter part standing to the Southward with the wind from E. S. E. and employed boiling. So ends. Lat. By obs. 23° 49'. Long. By obs. 48° 50' 00". Bar. 29.8.

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Off the East Coast of Madagascar Feb 1857

1153.

Boiling & Hauling down.Wednesday Feb 4th 1857.

Begins with light breezes from E. S. E. and some squalls, heading to the Southward, employed boiling and stowed down forty barrels of oil, middle and latter part heading to the Southward under a double reefed main topsail and foresail, saw the John Dawson heading to the Northward, at about noon we cooled down for the want of blubber. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 10'. Long. By obs. 49° 00' 00". Bar. 29.8.

1154.

Rainy.Thursday Feb 5th 1857.

Commenced with brisk breezes from the Eastward heading S. S. E. under a double reefed main topsail and foresail, the weather some rainy, middle part fresh breezes from the Eastward and rainy, latter part strong breezes from E. to E. S. E. heading to the S. E. under a double reefed main topsail and foresail, the weather some rainy. So ends. Lat. By obs. 24° 30'. Long. By obs. 48° 54' 00". Bar. 29.8.

1155.

W Fresh Gale.Friday Feb 6th 1857.

Begins with fresh gales from the Eastward and rainy heading to the Southward under a double reefed main topsail and foresail, middle part the same laying under a close reefed main topsail and foresail, latter part the gale still continues with rain falling to the Southward under a close reefed main topsail and spencers. So ends. Lat. By obs. 25° 14' 00". Long. By obs. 48° 36' 30". Bar. 29.7.

1156.

Strong Gale.Saturday Feb 7th 1857.

Commenced with fresh gales from E. S. E. but rather inclined too moderate, heading to the Southward under a close reefed main topsail and spencers, at sunset the Bar. falling, middle part strong gales from E. S. E. and East with heavy squalls and rain, laying to the Southward under a close reefed main topsail and spencers, Bar. 29.4, at midnight, latter part more moderate the gale having abated and the wind hauled to the E. S. E. So ends. Lat. By obs. 25° 46'. Long. By obs. 49° 07' 15". Bar. 29.5.