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Bark *Myrna* of New Bedford, Mass.

1257

N. N. / Two Ambucks.

Thursday May 21st 1857.

Begins with light breezes from the Eastward and raining at about 11 A.M. took up the boats and steered S. by W. the whole that we lowered for in the forenoon bound that way, middle part laying to the Southward under easy sail, latter part light breezes from the Eastward heading to the Northward under all sail, and saw two finbacks.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 03'. Long. By Δ 49° 21' 00". Bar. 30.2.

1260

Brig & Squally.

Friday May 22nd 1857.

Commences with light breezes from the Eastward heading from N. N. W. to N. E. under all sail, saw spouts ahead that proved to be a finback, middle part moderate latter part fresh breezes from the Eastward and squally with rain, saw a Brig steering to the S. & Westward and saw a humpback.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 25° 24'. Long. By Δ 49° 32' 30". Bar. 30.2+.

1261

Chas. W. Chase.



63rd
New Moon.
(Pierces)

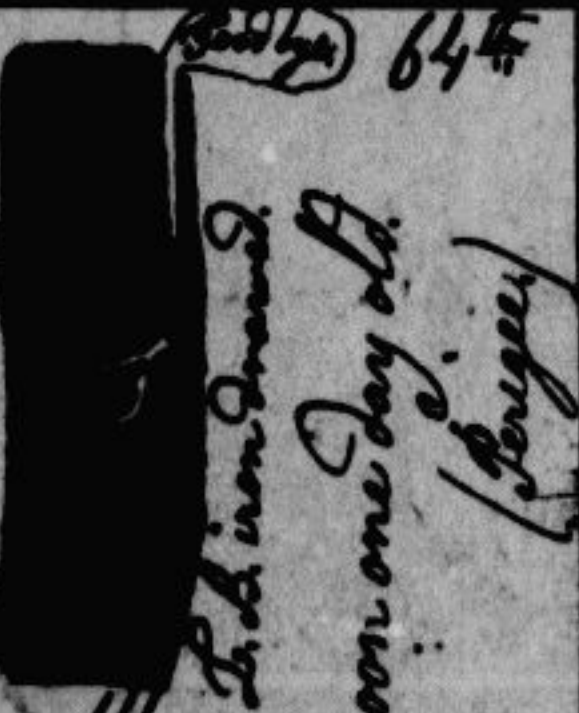
Saturday May 23rd 1857.

Begins with wind from S. S. E. with rain squalls, ship heading to the Eastward under the topsails and courses, at 4 P.M. (one hour before sunset) sent the boats too windward for a pod of sperm whales that were working to the S. W. but did not come up with them, and do not know when we are to have another whale, middle part fresh breezes from S. S. E. laying under short sail on different tacks, latter part wind from S. S. E. stopping W. by S. and N. N. W. trying to find the whales that we saw yesterday. Painted the Sternmast.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 23° 36'. Long. By Δ 48° 43' 30". Bar. 30.2+.

1262

Chas. Rogers



64th
New Moon.
(Pierces)

Sunday May 24th 1857.

Commences with moderate breezes from S. E. heading to the S. W. with the main top gallant sail and flying jib out, and painted the Mizzenmast, shortly before sunset saw a large breach to the Southward of us, middle part heading to the Southward under double reefed topsails, foresail and jib, latter part moderate breezes from the Eastward and pleasant, heading to the S. W. at 11 A.M. saw a body of sperm whales that were quite moderate, breaved three boats for them, the larboard boat struck one and the iron engaged. (Hard luck again.)

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 20'. Long. By Δ 48° 19' 45". Bar. 30.2.

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Trying to catch a Sperm Whale. A. D. 1857.

1263

Sulphur Bottoms.

Monday May 25th 1857.

Begins with moderate breezes from the Eastward and pleasant carrying all sail, the boats in the forenoon, whales having worked out of sight too windward, middle part moderate, latter part brisk breezes from the Eastward heading to the Southward, saw several sulphur bottoms, a water spout and one sail too windward.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 50'. Long. By Δ 48° 35' 45". Bar. 30.2.

1264

Sam Robertson.

Tuesday May 26th 1857.

Commences with smart breezes from the Eastward heading to the Southward, spoke the ship Sam^l Robertson of N. H. 9 mos. out, 200 M. wh. oil, middle part strong wind from the Eastward with lightning in the S. W. latter part strong breezes from the E. and squally with rain, heading N. N. E. under double reefed topsails & foresail.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 59'. Long. By Δ 48° 40' 00". Bar. 30.2.

1265

Merchant Ship.

Wednesday May 27th 1857.

Begins with strong winds from the Eastward heading to the N. N. E. under reefed topsails and foresail, saw sulphur bottoms and one sail, an American ship steering to the Westward, homeward bound probably, middle part brisk breezes with considerable lightning, latter part more moderate heading to the Northward and saw a finback.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 34'. Long. By Δ 49° 02' 30". Bar. 30.2.

1266

New Riggering.

Thursday May 28th 1857.

Commences with moderate breezes from N. E. heading N. N. W. rose new fore and main topsail braces, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. main top gallant sheets, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. main top gallant braces, 2 in. middle part moderate with light falls of rain, latter part light breezes from the E. N. E. employed breaching out for sails, saw one sail too windward.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 15'. Long. By Δ 48° 32' 30". Bar. 30.1+.

1267

New Sails.

Friday May 29th 1857.

Begins with light breezes from E. N. E. saw a finback, and bent a new foresail and main topsail, middle part moderate, latter part brisk breezes from E. N. E. and smoky, sent down the mainsail to middle pitch, it and saw a ship steering to the Westward.

So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 24° 18'. Long. By Δ 48° 46' 15". Bar. 30.1+.