

Ship Florida of New Bedford Capt Little

Monday the 17

Begins with light breeze from the S E steering S W by S all sail set middle part fine latter part light breezes from S E with rain heading S W by S so ends these 24 hours

Remarks on board Tuesday December the 18 1855

Begins with light breeze with rain from the North wind heading S W by S all sail set watch employed in ship's duty middle part strong breeze from the N heading S W took in studding sails and topgallant sails latter part much the same racing so ends these 24 hours

Lab by Obs 27.20

Wednesday the 19

Begins with strong winds from the N W heading W S W ship under single reef top sails middle and latter part more moderate with all sail set one sail in sight so ends these 24 hours

Remarks on board Thursday 20th

Begins with pleasant weather with strong winds from the E heading S W by S all sail set watch employed in ship's duty middle part fine latter part light air at 1/2 past 5 p.m. saw sperm whales heading S W at 8 lowered 3 boats and struck one and killed him so ends these 24 hours

Friday the 21

Begins with light breeze from the S E heading S W by S all sail set at 1 P.M. took the whale to the ship all hands employed in getting ready to cut at 3 P.M. commenced cutting middle part watch employed in cutting up blubber latter part con Lab by 28.46

Long by Cross 171 = 49 W

Ship Florida Bound to New Zealand J.C.L.

Saturday the 22

Begins with light breeze from the N E heading S S W all sail set all hands employed in boiling and cutting the head middle and latter part much the same so ends these 24 hours

Sunday the 23

Begins with fine weather from the N W heading S W by S all sail set watch employed in boiling middle and latter part much the same so ends these 24 hours

Remarks on board Monday December the 24

Begins with strong breeze from the N E heading S W by S all sail set watch employed in boiling middle part squally latter part strong breeze from the Westward all sail set finished boiling so ends these 24 hours

Lab by Obs 28.19

Tuesday the 25

Begins with fine pleasant weather from the N W heading S W all sail set watch employed in ship's duty middle part fine latter part light breeze from the S W heading N W by W all sail set watch employed in coopersing oil and stowing the main maulches so ends these 24 hours

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Remarks on board Wednesday 26

Begins with light rising and fine weather from the S W heading W S W all sail set watch employed in coopersing oil middle part baffling wind all sail set latter part light breeze from the S W heading W S W all sail set all hands employed in stowing oil between decks so ends

Lab by Obs 28.23