

Ship Florida of New Bedford Cruising

Remarks on board Friday the 11-1856

this day commences with strong breeze and rugged weather from the N E ship heading E N E under double reef topsails & sails in sight showed signals with the ship Sea Gull and Topbian Thornton of New Bedford middle part laying two latter part strong breeze from the E S E ship heading S double reef topsails & sails in sight

Saturday the 12

this day commences with strong breeze and rugged weather from the E S E ship heading S 4 sails in sight Sunday island in sight spoke the ship Isaac Howland of New Bedford capt Hopps 16 months 300 sperm middle part laying two latter part light breeze from the S E saw sperm whales lowered the boats in chase but no catch was made this day

Sunday the 13

this day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the S E all sail set saw the whales again and lowered boats no success the land in sight middle and latter part light breeze and pleasant weather from the S E ship heading N E saw sperm whales lowered the boats in chase so ends this day

Monday the 14

this day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the S E ship heading N E the boats chasing the whales but no catch there saw blackfish one sail in sight Tuesday island in sight Ship Florida

of Sunday Island J. C. Little Master

middle and latter part fresh breeze and variable saw sperm whales lowered the boats but no success broke out a barrell of meat so ends this day

Sat by about 2 50

Tuesday the 15

this day commences with fresh breeze from the N E ship all sail set heading E S E and employed in setting up rigging middle part laying two latter part light breeze from the N E saw sperm whales lowered the boats and struck one and down so ends this day

Wednesday the 16

this day commences with strong breeze from the N E chasing sperm whales no success came on board and took in sail middle part laying two latter part strong breeze from the N E ship heading S W employed in mending a boat so ends this day Sat by about 2 50

Thursday the 17

this day commences with a strong breeze from the N E ship heading W under whole top sails and courses employed in mending a boat middle part laying two latter part light breeze and sailing ship all sail set cruising for sperm whales so ends this day

Friday the 18

this day commences with fresh breeze from the N E ship all sail set saw sperm whales lowered all 4 boats struck two and got them to the ship middle part laying by the whales latter part all hands in cutting in the whales goat island in sight so ends this day