

Ship Florida of New Bedford

Remarks on board Monday May the 5th 1856

This day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the Southward ship heading to the Westward all suit set saw sperm whales lapped the boats and got fast to one and killed him and took him alongside of the ship middle part laying by the whale latter part strong breeze and rugged weather from the S all hands employed in cutting the whale so ends this day

Tuesday the 6

This day commences with strong breeze and rugged weather finished cutting the whale and lost the head Tuesday Island in sight middle part laying two a baiting latter part fresh breeze from the E & ship heading S a baiting under short sail so ends this day

Wednesday the 7

This day commences with fresh breeze and rugged weather from the E & ship heading S a baiting under short sail one suit in sight and Sunday Island in sight middle part laying two latter part fresh breeze from E & ship heading S under short sail finished baiting Sunday Island in sight one suit in sight so ends this day

Thursday the 8

This day commences with fresh breeze and rough weather from the E & ship heading S by W under short sail goat in sight Island in sight bearing W one suit in sight watch employed in cleaning up the decks

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Friday the 9

This day commences with fresh breeze and pleasant weather from the E & ship heading S & watch employed in cooping oil French Rock and Curtis rock in sight middle part laying two latter part strong breeze and rugged weather from the E & ship under short sail cooped some oil goat Island and Curtis rocks in sight so ends this day

Saturday the 10

This day commences with strong breeze and rugged weather from the E & ship under short sail heading S & Goat Island in sight middle part laying two latter part strong breeze from the E ship heading on either tack all hands employed in stowing down oil Goat Island in sight so ends this day

Sunday the 11

This day commences with strong breeze and rugged weather from the E ship heading S & under short sail finished stowing down oil stowed down 60 barrels of sperm oil goat Island in sight bearing W middle part laying two latter part strong breeze from the E & ship heading on either tack so ends this day

Dr. J. L. Gardner, Surgeon, St. George, N. H. & all who were serving in the U. S. Navy