

Nov. 3, 1857

Monday Nov 3rd 1857
Fresh breeze and rugges from S.E.
all sail set steering by the wind East,
at 10 A.M. hauled to S.W.
Middle part strong breeze double reefed the
top sails,
Latter part rather more moderate, at 7 P.M.
saw sperm whales, (and I wish we had not seen them)
toward the boat struck three, and met with
A sad misfortune, Mr. Sprague the second
officer was knocked out of the boat and sunk
immediately, he went to lance the first whale,
and as a case came up under the boat, and
his flukes went over the boat, and hit him a blow
side of the head and face, the line was cut
immediately but the man was gone, sun he never
to rise more, & it seems very hard; got the whales
to the ship at 10 A.M. and began to cut, but
it is very rugges and very badly feels bad, and it
is hard work, well night has come and now we are
doing nothing, sad thoughts comes over my mind
as well as all the rest of it, we cannot hardly realize
that we have met with such a misfortune to day
but it is to true, it is the first man in all
my whaling that has ever been touched so as to
do any thing bad, we had one drowned by the
upsetting of the boat, but this puts a damper
on every body on board the ship for and aft.

Tuesday Nov 4th 1857

Strong breeze and rugges at sun, we began to
of the whales in and let the other one lay, we
ship three times, and all hands feeling brace, and
the rugges with all combined makes the ship
go hard,
Middle part the same,
Latter part strong breeze and rugges at day
called all hands, and hooked on finished
7 P.M. employed clearing the decks and getting
ready to hail, this ends another day of hauling
Latitude 35° 07' South,
Longitude 13° 43' West,

Wednesday Nov 5th

Fresh breeze and rugges from S.E. at noon
heup off W.H. and made some sail, at 1 P.M.
commenced hauling,
Middle and Latter parts much the same,
all hands employed in hauling and other ships
duty, saw a sail heading to the Southward
Latitude 35° 43' South,
Longitude 17° 21' West,

Thursday Nov 6th

Fresh breeze from S.E. all sail set steering
W.H. at 11 P.M. finished hauling
Middle and Latter parts fresh breeze from
East all sail set steering W.H. saw
two sail steering Southward, this ends
Latitude 35° 33' South,
W.H. for Ch.