

Friday Dec 16th 1859

Moderate breeze from N.E., all sail set steering S.W. Middle and Latter part much the same, employed mending the mizen S. Sail, thus ends, I think if ever I see the end of this, that I will not go mate of another whale ship, for the reason that there is such men good in these sailors, they will never be, and they want something about once a week, and as for the present master of the Speedwell, he has no rules on board his ship, and about as near the pack as you can come, we are all a set of dum fools

Saturday Dec 17th

Light wind from N.E., all sail set steering S.W. at 4 P.M., rain, Middle part wind light and luffing with rain, Latter part moderate breeze from N.E., all sail set steering S.W. thus ends,

Sunday Dec 18th

Light wind from North all sail set steering S.W. at 4 P.M., wind hauled to S.E. and backing on, at 6 hauled light sails at 7 double reefed the S. Sails, Middle and Latter part strong breeze with rain, hauled jib and mizen sail, Latter part strong breeze and clear, from S.E. course S.W. thus ends, Settled 26th 28 Sails,

Monday Dec 19th 1859

Strong breeze from S.E., under quelle reefed I sail, steering S.W. at 4 P.M., set main sail, Middle and Latter part more moderate set all sail, wind S.E., head S.W. thus ends,

Tuesday Dec 20th

Fresh breeze from S.E., all sail set steering by the wind S.W. by S., but the fore stay sail, main sprucer, and mast mizen, Middle and Latter part light wind at 7 A.M., saw Sunday Island bearing South, unreef the fore top gallant sail and unrove the gear, thus ends another day, one the less to drag through, and keep it men busy, with no help,

Wednesday Dec 21st

Light wind from South all sail set steering by the wind S.W. Sunday Island bearing S.E. Middle and Latter part high air, unreef the fore sail to mizen, saw a sail to the Westward, thus ends,

Thursday Dec 22nd

Light air from S.E., all sail set steering S.W., finished and bent the fore sail, at 6 P.M., saw sperm whales, lowered and pulled until dark, and that ends that, Middle and Latter part much the same, employed mending old sails and other small yards, thus ends, another day, dragged through after a fashion, sometimes I laugh to myself and again I could almost bite off a spike nail, to see the way things goes with some of our good folks on board the Speedwell,