

Ship B. Gasnard cruising on Pasques

October 1868

Wed the 3rd

Commenced with brisk wind from the
SE steering SW by W where we saw the
Breach at 1 P.M. Saw sperm whale going to
the WSE at 1 1/2 Leagues for them at 8 one
of the Boat got nearly on the Boat steered
back Blucher and bent his craft up at 5 1/2 the
Saw Boat went along side of a whale
and the Boat steered middle him the whale
strapped the Belcher hauled in his line and
skinned it over his small a very large whale
at last took the Boat up. Frank Perry was
the name of the Boat steerer that missed
the whale and as he has had more than a fair
trial he having missed several other whales
before they cannot trust him in the lead of
a Boat again he not being competent
to steer a Boat middle strong wind from
the SE by the ESE least part strong wind and
raining at 3 P.M. it cleared off steered several courses
looking for the whale at 10 the wind veered to the
W at 11 lipped by to the WSW blowing strong under
short sail. Fair skin back (do Enay)

Wed the 4th

Strong wind from the W by the WSW
under short sail middle and least part
had set gals under close reef main and fore top sails

Mon the 5th

Mon the 5th under short sail middle and least
part made middle made sail as required
Employed in supping up the Old main
sail and sundry other Sails saw
skin back fair sail to the E

Har W perin Whaley Charles Richard Master

Tue the 6th

Strong wind from the WSW by to the SE Employed
in supping up the Old main sail at 1 P.M. fixed
Whip to the W weather more pleasant Employed in
sundry Sails spoke the Abian (do Enay)

Wed the 7th

Brisk wind and Pleasant weather by the SE
middle and least part calms and light Sails
from the W at 8 P.M. saw the Abian calling
saw for whale hauled for them and here and
chained together at 10 one of the Boat struck
at 11 the Boat towing the whale to the ship

Thurs the 8th

Light airy and calms at 1 P.M. took the
whale along side at 8 commenced to cut
at sunset got the Bow in and hauled off a
chain palter and the whale went got another
George Fluke chain on him and put him
by middle the wind springing from the WSW
least part at daylight commenced to cut again
at 10 finished strong wind and squally with
rain all ready to bail the Barque in light

Fri the 9th

Strong wind from the WSW by to the W
squally with rain at 2 more pleasant weather
the Biss middle and least part strong wind
Employed in Bailing at 1 P.M. towed ship to the W by 5

Sat the 10th

Wind from the WSW by to the W by 5 Employed
in Bailing spoke the Abian and got some
Empty Casks to put their Oil in middle and
least part light Sails and calms Employed in Bailing