

Remarks on Board Bark Lun at Sea. Thomas B. Smith
Tuesday, April, 23rd.

23 This Day began with fine weather and a light breeze from the N.W. Ship still lying at anchor this morning at about 9 A. Clock I went ashore after the Captain and after a few moments we started for the ship and then loaded the Fore & Main, Top, Sail, ft. Sparker, and Mast Topail, then we hoisted short and started once more for the Dark Blue Sea. About 12 O Clock we were out side for the land and then we got dinner. This afternoon we chud down the Topails and took in the Mast Topail and Sparker the wind had increased somewhat this afternoon but along towards night it moderated ship steering full and by heading about N. by W. the Gazelle also sailed about the same time but is steering more to the Eastward round down off French Rocks (I suppose), this evening one of the men (forward cut his foot very bad and our Doctor is again to sew it up. After a few moments operation all is done and the patient has gone forward. This is all I can think of to day, & good night to all.

Wednesday, April, 24th.

24 This day began with Cloudy weather and a strong breeze from the N.W. Ship steering N. under double reefed Fore & Main, Topail, ft. & Foresail. This morning the Ala man began to work up the Runways and jacking around Decks like a dog with a pin head. About 9 A.M. it began to rain and had continued stormy all the forenoon. This forenoon was the first time that the Cooper has stood any regular masthead but the Ala man, the ship and Carpenter that they must take a masthead twice a day when they had nothing very important to attend to, this afternoon had been stormy and about two O. Clocks the wind died away and at this time it is almost Calm. We shook out the reef from the Fore & Main Topails and I had made out to get up my curtain after being out almost six months. Some of our Runways have got all the canvas on Decks according to the Ala man's talk but I guess he will think better of it before long. Good night to all.

Remarks on Board Bark Lun at Sea. Thos. B. Smith
Thursday, April, 25th.

25 This Day commenced with fine weather and a strong breeze from the N.W. Ship steering N. under single reefed Topails & Foresails. Watch employed standing masthead, picking oakum, &c. this morning we turned up one of the Boats on top the House to get her ready for whaling. Copper had been engaged making a Harrow Cask and some other small jobs. This afternoon had been employed in much the same manner. About 5 P.M. the Carpenter came down into the Stowage to get his tools and in so doing he woke up one of the Boatmen and then was quite a jaw before they could come to any decision agreement on the question. We have quite a variety of professional cooked up under a space of about 15 feet by 8 feet. There is 4 Boatmen, Stewards, Cooper, Carpenter & a Doctor all of which sleep in this small room besides five large chests. At 4 P.M. called the Watch and reefed the Topails which is customary (amongst whaling vessels) on cruising ground. Then washed off Decks and in about an hour we all got supper & ended this day. Lat. 31° 31' S. Long. 150° 15' W.

Friday, April, 26th.

26 This Day began with fine weather and a strong breeze from the N.W. Ship steering N. under single reefed Topails and Foresails. Watch engaged fixing up their Boats, picking oakum, putting on Rattins, and doing other small jobs about Decks. Mr. Cain has been fixing up a new Boat against the time of need (which will be as soon as one of the others are down) which I hope will not be this voyage. This afternoon just as I was gone eating my dinner the Ala man called me on Deck to get the gun while he was getting his dinner. After he was done he set me making bullets for his rifle and that is the way the afternoon has gone with me. At 4 P.M. called the Watch and washed off the Ship then got supper this evening we all congregated in the Stowage and hung for about an hour after which we all went to our respective places of abode. The Ala man has been talking to some of the men on the ship for this good. He ended this day. Lat 28° 03' S. Long. 150° 15' W.