

Journal of A Short Voyage to the Western Ocean

Remarks on board Wednesday March 28th

First part light breeze from the North & thick fog.  Second much the same latter part fine weather. Looked for a whale took care along side. Three sail in sight. So ends this day. Lat 35° 48' N Long 131° 14' W

Remarks on board Saturday March 31st

First part light breeze from the South & fine weather. Looked for a whale. Struck & sunk one to the L.B. took care at sunset. latter part looked for whales without success. So ends this day. Lat 35° 48' N Long 131° 14' W

Remarks on board Sunday April 1st

First part light breeze from the South & fine weather. Looked for a whale. Struck & killed one took him along side & commenced cutting, saw several sail in pursuit of whales. So ends this day. Lat 35° 48' N Long 131° 14' W

Remarks on board Saturday April 21st

Commenced with light breeze from the N.W. & fine weather. Steering N.E. spoke the ship of Ben Morgan of N.L. he is this season at 2 o'clock P.M. Looked for a whale with the L.B. Struck him & took him along side to the L.B. commenced cutting latter part finished cutting & looked for another whale. So ends this day. Lat 35° 48' N Long 131° 14' W



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About the Japan Sea (A.D. 1859)

Remarks on board Thursday May 1st

Commenced with fresh breeze from the North but fine weather. Steering to the Eastward several ships in sight two of which are the Phoenix & Tobacco Plant. Whales & latter parts fresh breeze & very rugged. Went a boat to sea for several days. So ends this day. Lat 38° 32' N Long 137° 00' W

Remarks on board Saturday May 3rd

Commenced with light breeze from the Westward & fine weather. Chased a number of whales. Struck one the latter part to the L.B. fast about ten minutes & broke the line. Saw with me a miracle which happened to day at ten 29 M.M. months absence from one that has ever been in my mind. Through all weathers. Please to place, I received a short letter by ship. I was short but how welcome was those few lines which I have answered to me so soon, & should I never live to thank my correspondent in person may these lines tell him of my gratitude &c. but if nothing happens I calculate to visit my long left home in about one year from this, if so I will prove the contents of this old Journal so ends. Lat 38° 32' N Long 137° 00' W

Remarks on board Friday May 11th

Then 24 hours commenced with light breeze from the East & very fine weather, much the same latter part looked & struck a whale & took him along side all a hour about this whole false prophecy so ends this day. Lat 39° 14' N Long 134° 39' W

We did see a whale the latter part and that was all saw the ship. So ends this day. Lat 39° 14' N Long 134° 39' W