February 1833 Crossed the Equator

Saturday 1st Fine weather and light fast to the whale with
Lat 10 North but Drag gives him with 2 more and at 2 P.M
Long 119 W the line stuck fast and cut him the boats came
Dec 75 on board and at 4 P.M saw more found that they
were going so quick that we could not come on
them with the ship took up the boats and saw
the of Equator with the main topsail to the mast through the
night employed in boiling and finished at 8
A.M and at 8½ past A.M saw breaches on our
lee bow with 12 at the most heads on the
look out employed in washing of decks and cleaning
to end the 12 whales making about 55 bbls

Sunday 2nd Commences with strong winds from S.E. strong
Lat 4° South West and a strong current setting to the Northward
Long 115:30 and at 1 P.M saw breaches and saw them blow from
Dec 78 most head but could not make them out latter
part entirely calm and saw a diamond fish to S.E.

Saturday 3rd Commences with light winds from S.E. strong West
Lat 4° S with rain and at 5 P.M took 2 reefs in the fore
main sail and mizen topsail and furled the spanker and
Long 116:48 W lower and some range at 5½ took in the studding sail and
Dec 77 hauled up the boxes with heavy squalls of hail and rain
saw and at dark took in sail except close reefed main sail
Breaches mizen topsail and fore topmast stay sail and saw
a head with fresh gale from S.E. in the morning moderate
moderate and made sail and steered N and saw breaches
to end the day with no whales P.M calm

Sunday 4th Begins with light winds from N.E. strong N.E.
No Obs Dec saw breaches at 1 P.M raised whales found 2 boats
Lat 12 S but could not get on and the boat came to the ship
Long 117 W part of a gale at 4 P.M and chased them until dark
Dec 74 then took up the boats and found the course of the
whales through the night to the N.E. P.M
latter part Moderate winds and at 8 P.M Moderate
Monday 5th Moderate winds from S.E. strong for them and in all sail
Lat 2° South saw the track and the course of boat sailing with the
Long 117 W part from and Sailed the 2d and cut of the line at
Dec 75 2 P.M the stuck again and the boat sailing in
to him and him and stuck a second time and the
iron broke and he lost him took the whole
of day since at 3 P.M and commenced cutting and
finished at 6 P.M latter part employed in Boiling
and saw nothing except porpoises and saw part of
Ship Bengal 3614 Days from Salem with 3500 bbls

February 1833 Crossing to the Westward

Friday 1st Moderate winds from S.E. and at 1 P.M saw a
School of whales going to the leeward pursued the
Boats and struck a small bull took him along
side 4 P.M and in the morning commenced
cutting and finished at 8 P.M and saw a bull to the
Westward to end employed in Boiling and nothing to do

Saturday 2nd Moderate winds from S.E. steering S.W and at
Lat 2° S 4 P.M spoke the English Ship Percaverance of London
Long 117 W Capt Slade 10½ months out with 300 bbls Capt
Dec 75 Slade spent the Evening on board of the Bengal
the Percaverance is a 3 boat ship 45 men he
has finished a large whale to day and lost him
latter part employed in washing to end with
hand and pumping ship to day and strike lines

Sunday 3rd Light winds from S.E. and at 3 P.M passed about
Lat 2° 30' S abreast to the windward of the Percaverance on the
Long 117:00 W the spanker taken and weight 2 sharks passed under
Dec 73 the stern latter employed in Breaking out in the
fore hold and stowing down the 4 whales making
about 100 bbls to end saw no square heads to day

Tuesday 4th Moderate winds from S.E. steering
Lat 4° S and employed in stowing down and saw
Long 117 to end all well on board of the Bengal

Wednesday 5th Gentle winds from S.E. steering N.W.
Lat 1° S Middle part wind at E. steering N.W.
Long 120 W
Dec 65 latter the same and saw nothing to end

Thursday 6th Begins with Moderate winds from S. steering
Lat 0° 8' North to S.E. at 2 P.M saw a and no Bone to mark
Long 122 W but part saw Black fish but no square heads
Dec 64 latter part the same to end with no whales

Friday 7th Moderate winds from S. steering S.W. on
Lat 2° North 80 miles
Long 123:10 Strong current setting to the Westward of course
Variation 6 East saw Nothing Moaning on the Equator
Dec 70

Saturday 8th Strong gales of discontinued steering
Lat 1:50 S Lat 2° S Middle and latter part steering
Long 124½ Lat two for to the Westward
Dec 72 321 Days from Salem