

Journal of the Schooner *Walter Irving's Fifth*
Whaling Voyage from Provincetown

April 24 1855 Athens Pickers of Master

Remarks onboard Tuesday

All this day gentle breeze from WNW and fine
got underway at 9 A.M. and left Provincetown
for a Whaling voyage at noon Chatham light
bore WNW Dist 8 miles Sailed in company
with the J. Adams & Alexander to end the day

Remarks onboard Wednesday

All this day fresh breeze from WNW and
fine saw five schools of Blackfish & Porpoised

Remarks onboard Thursday

First part of this day gentle breeze from W and
fine middle gentle breeze from E and fine
latter part fresh breeze from WNW and squally
and rough under double reef fore sail set & by sail

Remarks onboard Friday

First part fresh breeze from S.W. and squally
latter part fresh breeze from North and fine
saw two sail bound Eastward some this day

Remarks onboard Saturday

First part of this day fresh breeze from N
and fine latter part gentle breeze from ENE
& fine school of Frank's Ship from Triant
for her work took up the Orlop and spruced
the main topmast back stay caught one porpoise

Remarks onboard Sunday

First part of this day gentle breeze from NE
and squally latter part light air from S.W.
and fine saw five sail of Merchantmen bound East

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Remarks onboard Monday

All this day gentle breeze from S.W. by W and
fine saw one school of Porpoise, two Fishbacks
and fifteen sail of Merchantmen bound South

Remarks onboard Tuesday

All this day gentle breeze from S.W. by W and
fine saw the Fishback low. Sperm and six sail
of Merchantmen some bound North other East

Remarks onboard Wednesday

First part of this day fresh breeze from S.W. and
fine latter part gentle breeze from ENE and
fine saw one sail bound Eastward to end the day

Remarks onboard Thursday

First part of this day gentle breeze from
S.W. and fine saw one sail bound Eastward
toward the Coast to practice for the first time
set up the fore and aft stays and fore boom rigging

Remarks onboard Friday

First part of this day gentle breeze from South
and fine latter part gentle breeze from S to W.P.
W and squally with thunder lightning & rain
saw three sail of Merchantmen bound Eastward

Remarks onboard Saturday

First part of this day light breeze from North
and squally latter part fresh gale from N.E.
and fine saw one Porpoise two sail of Merchantmen

Remarks onboard Sunday

First part of this day gentle breeze from North
and fine latter part Calm and clear saw three
schools of Sperm also one sail to end the day