

Remarks on Board Bark Bethia off New Bedford
Sunday Feb 15th

This day opens with a strong breeze from the N. steering
by it in the fore tack heading W & W by S at 6 o'clock
loosed jib and spinnaker at 12 o'clock wind lighter loosed
flying jib and stay sails at 2 o'clock & Mr. Shaw Black fish
bowed all 3 boats Mr. & Waite boats took a speice along
side but lost one getting them in took the boats up and
stood along in the fore tack ship does not look nearly as good
half as much as this tack seemed to be in light sails
Charles off City Light 2123 S. So ends this day

Monday Feb 16th

This day opens with a strong breeze from the South
steering by it in the fore tack at 2 o'clock Mr. & Waite
around and made sail watch employed in learning and
running blubber about 6 o'clock P.M. Mr. Briggs the
second mate speaks to Charles the Boatsteerer about
standing his watch and doing his duty he had reported
that he was able to but could not they were talking in
same time and quite loud. Capt. was in the house on deck
and heard them and told Charles to stop so he did and
went to walking deck he went down below but came
right back and we took in sail he went on the fore
top sail yard to help reef and went to raising abusive
language to the crew that was up there with him
Mr. Briggs told him to keep still and do his work and
he answered back go to P. he repeated it twice Capt.
ordered a pair of irons when he came down Mr. Briggs went

Mr. Briggs was down steering off Walrus Bay
along foreward and asked him what he meant by talking so
and took hold of him he then struck Mr. Briggs when they
struck each other a few times then the Capt. came there and
the second mate Charles saw them coming and he let go of
Mr. Briggs and put his hand in his pocket Mr. Briggs caught
hold around him and started in the waist and Charles
kept him until he was hauled off by John one of the other
Boatsteeres Capt. then went for John and by that time Charles
had his hand out of his pocket and a knife he started for the
Capt. but Mr. Briggs side to him and jumped and put
the knife in his left armpit close to the shoulder then he
started for the Capt. but he had a belaying pin in his hand
and made him throw the knife overboard took and put
him in irons and put him down the main hatch as soon
as the sail was in and were around in the fore tack
John says that he saw that Charles had a knife and wanted
to get Mr. Briggs away so he would not get out the cut and
was the length of the knife to kind of a stick

So ends this day