

Remarks On Board the Ship *Wilma* Wirt of

New Bedford Bound to the North Sea for a cargo of Oil

Thursday Oct 13th A.D. 1853

First part light breeze from S.W. and pleasant steering East spoke the ship *Young Hector* of N. Bedford 1 day from home clean saw 1 ship 1 bark 1 schooner at 4 P.M. saw a sperm whale case it was blasted had linned the right breast and looked at it good for nothing middle and latter parts light breeze at S.W. and fine weather steering by the wind to the East saw 1 sail nothing more. Lat. of Obs. 36.27 N. Long of Obs. 47.53 W.

Friday Oct 14th A.D. 1853

First part fine breeze at S.W. and pleasant steering by the wind to the East the watch employ in ships duties saw 4 sails middle and latter parts fine breeze at S.W. and pleasant steering E.S.E. all sail out saw 3 sails nothing more the watch employ in various ships duties thus ends the day Lat. of Obs. 37.26 N. Long of Obs. 45.06 W.

Saturday Oct 15th A.D. 1853

First part light wind from S.W. steering E.S.E. the watch employ in ships duties saw porpoises and 3 sails middle and latter parts light breeze from S.W. and pleasant steering E.S.E. all sail out at 10 A.M. saw Blackfish lowered a boat without success came on board at 12 mer. thus ends the day Lat. of Obs. 3 Long of Obs. 4

Sunday Oct 16th A.D. 1853

First part light breeze at S.W. and pleasant steering E.S.E. all sail out the watch employ in ships duties middle and latter parts wind and weather much the same steering E.S.E. saw nothing thus ends the day Lat. of Obs. 37.40 Long of Obs. 45

16 day from home and not seen the spout of a Sperm Whale yet

Monday Oct 17th A.D. 1853

First part fine fresh breeze at S.W. of W. ship going E.S.E. saw 2 porpoises did not see them again middle and latter parts strong breeze at S.W. and pleasant steering E.S.E. the lightest sail in saw nothing the watch employ in ships duties thus ends the day Lat. of Obs. 37.35 N. Long of Obs. 34.51 W.

Tuesday Oct 18th A.D. 1853

First part strong wind from N.W. and good weather steering E.S.E. the light sail in at 7 P.M. shorten sail to 1/2 fore and middle 1/2 sails saw nothing middle and latter parts fresh gales from N.W. and W. and squally weather steering S.E. of E. under 1/2 fore top sail saw nothing thus ends the day Lat. of Obs. 36.00 N. Long of Obs. 34.00 W.

Wednesday Oct 19th A.D. 1853

First part with breeze at N.W. and at W. with hard squalls steering East the light sail in saw a sail to E.S.E. the watch employ in ships duties middle and latter parts light wind and calm steering E.S.E. the watch employ in ships duties saw nothing a very heavy swell on thus ends the day Lat. of Obs. 37.20 Long of Obs. 33.33

Thursday Oct 20th A.D. 1853

First part pleasant weather the wind light from S.E. a very heavy sea on steering E.S.E. all sail out a ship saw sight the land is distant 15 miles the course E.N.E. compass middle and latter parts strong wind from S.W. and overcast weather steering E.S.E. the light sails furled at 5 P.M. made Trazal and Pico bearing 1 E.S.E. distant about 12 miles saw a sail and at 9 P.M. spoke the ship *Mercuria* of N. Bedford 30 days from home and 85 barrels sperm oil Capt. P. J. came on board at 10 P.M. the Capt. and watch went on shore a heavy swell on thus ends the day Lat. of Obs. 37.00 N. Long of Obs. 33.00 W.