

Remarks on Board of Ship Niger Off

Feb 1st 1879

This day begins with light air from N.W. by W. Course & with a thick fog at 6.30 AM. We made all sail and worked by the wind to N.E. by E. Middle & later part thick fog ship by the wind to E.N.E. so ends No Obs

Feb 2nd 1879

This day begins with a breeze from N. ship under all sail by the wind to E.N.E. at 3 PM the Ball that holds the prop star to the cut water broke. We fitted another the wind blowing fresh Middle Part Wind Fresh from N.W. with fog latter part wind veered to N.W. the fog lifted by spells nothing in sight ship by the wind so ends in Lat 42.03 Long 11.00

Feb 3rd 1879

This day begins with a fresh breeze from N. ship by the wind to N.W. under all sail Middle Part Wind from N.W. latter part N.W. by W. with fog and a strong breeze took in 500 gallons for overhaul but let them again the fog lifted and we are off Gough Island No Obs

Feb 4th 1879

This day begins with a fresh breeze from N.W. at 3 PM. Ship up with gulls Island we remain under the lee of the Land but it blew we burst the upper main topmast we repair and set it up again Middle part steady breeze from N.W. later part wind hauled to N.W. by quite steady ship under all sail so ends this days work Lat 38.33 Long 9.45

New Bedford Mass Capt Thomas A. Hallatt Master

Feb 5th 1879

This day begins with a fine breeze from N.W. ship by the wind to N.E. the weather good Middle Part Wind steady latter part the same we are employed in washing bone so ends this days work in Lat 36.20 Long 7.45 W

Feb 6th 1879

This day begins with a fine breeze from N.W. ship by the wind to N.E. at 3.45 saw a sail steering S.E. we are washing bone Middle Part we shortened sail ship by the wind N.E. latter part wind from N.W. at 7 A.M. saw sperm whales they were going to windward down 3 boats and chase Lat 35.00 Long 7.20 W

Feb 7 1879

This day begins with wind from N.W. the weather looks squally we got two whales the main boat killed down and lashed boat got a sperm whale each at 4 PM we began to cut one head off and let the whales lie alongside at 5 A.M. all hands to cut in the whales in so ends Lat 35.00

Feb 8th

This day begins with a strong breeze from N.W. by E. Course R. by S. we are cleaned away the heads and at 3.30 PM we have started the fire Middle part Wind steady breeze W. by S. under easy sail latter part Wind from the Eastward saw a sail steering to the Southward we are working so ends this days work in Lat 36.05 Long 10.00