

Remarks aboard the Ship *Agassiz*
On the West Coast of Africa

June 4th 1879
This day begins with a fine breeze from S. by W. at 2 P.M. saw sperm whale raised them to Leeward coming to windward quick we lowered 4 Boats the Larboard Boat struck and got the whale we got the whale alongside soon after sundown Middle part under lower topsails with the whale alongside latter part at 6 A.M. we called all hands and commence to cut in and stow down oil in the main hold it stowed down 2947 Gallons of oil so ends this day James Howland off duty Lat 16-00 S Long 9-48 E

June 5th 1879
This day begins with a strong breeze from S. at 1.35 P.M. we commence to cut at 3.15 we finish cutting at 4.30 we commence to boil Middle part we are boiling ship by the wind to S.E. strong breeze latter part at 8 A.M. we finish boiling so ends this day Lat 16-00 Long 9-49 E

June 6th 1879
This day begins with a strong breeze from S. by W. ship by the wind to S.E. saw a school of Black fish Middle part strong breeze latter part ship under lower topsails we are employed in stowing oil down in the main hold we stowed 861 Gallons of sperm James Howland is of duty sick so ends this day No observations

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June 7th 1879
This day begins with strong breeze from S. ship under lower topsails we employed in ship duty at 4.30 P.M. saw sperm whale we lowered 3 boats but did not get any later then one Rising after we hauled after it came in dark Middle & latter strong breeze from S. ship under lower topsails so ends this day in Lat 16-05 S Long 11-00 E

June 8th 1879
This day begins with a strong breeze from S. ship under lower topsails saw school of Black fish Middle part with the same latter part set upper main topsail and mainsail James Howland on deck again so ends this day Lat 16-18 S

June 9th 1879 L.B. & W.B. 1. B.B. 1
This day begins with strong breeze from S. at 12.00 P.M. saw a school of sperm whales we lowered down 4 boats and got 4 whales got the first whale alongside at dark Middle part ship under lower main and mizzen topsails with the whale alongside latter part at daylight all all hands get ready to cut in at 11 A.M. we had the whales cut in so ends this day work Lat 15-49 Long 8-20 S

June 10th 1879
This day begins with a strong breeze from S. by W. at 2.30 P.M. we commence to boil Middle part we are boiling latter part the weather began to moderate a little. saw 2 or 3 sperm whales & ends this day No observations