

Remarks aboard of Ship Niger of
On the West Coast of Africa

June 29th 1879

This day begins with a light breeze from S. Ship by the Wind to E. S. E. under all sail but the fore top gallant sail we are employed in pumping water getting ready to stop at middle part wind like latter part the breeze from S. S. E. ship by the Wind to S. W. saw shoal of Black Fish so ends this day work
In Lat 16-20 S. Long 8-18 E

June 30 1879

This day begins with a light breeze from E. S. E. ship under all sail by the Wind S. S. E. at P. M. wind from S. by E middle part wind very light and backing latter part like breeze from S. we stowing oil in main hold stowed down 1745 gallons of sperm oil so ends this day's work in Lat 16-30 S. Long 8-45 E

July 1st 1879

This day begins with a moderate breeze from S. S. E. the wind quite unsteady we are employed in ship duty middle part strong breeze fueled the upper top sails latter part we rose new gulling sails so ends this day's work in Lat 16-50 S. Long 9-14 E

July 2nd 1879

This day begins with a strong breeze from S. ship under lower top sails we are employed in strapping the brace blocks middle part strong breeze fouled the jib latter part we are employed in shortening the blocks strong fresh breeze from S. ship under lower top sails saw a small breach so ends this day's work
In Lat 16-50 S. Long 8-44 E

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July 3rd 1879 On the West Coast of Africa
This day begins with a strong breeze from S. ship under lower top sails & topmast staysails we are employed in strapping blocks middle part like axis and balance latter part the same we employed in strapping blocks so ends this day's work
In Lat 16-54 S. Long 8-07 E

July 4th 1879

This day begins with a light axis and balance saw a shoal of Black Fish and Hump Back Whales fin back whale & Salpae Bottoms middle part like axis from S. S. W. latter part like breeze from S. E. we cruising tack and tack we employed in strapping blocks nothing in sight so ends this day's work in Lat 16-35 S. Long 7-35 E

July 5th 1879

This day begins with a fine breeze from S. to E. by E ship by the Wind to S. E. saw a Humpback Whales and some crabs we are strapping blocks middle part strong breeze from S. S. W. under the top sails and upper top sails & Mizzen top sail latter part fresh breeze from S. S. W. we are steaming off the Wind to E. S. E. we are strapping blocks so ends in Lat 16-15 S. Long 9-50 E

July 6th 1879

This day begins with a fresh breeze from S. to S. S. W. ship under short sail saw a shoal of Killers we are employed in strapping blocks middle part strong breeze latter part at 7 P. M. saw 1 sperm whale we saw 4 boats L. B. 2 W. B. 1. B. 1. B. 1. fine whales made 85 barrels of oil
Lat 16-20 S. Long 2-30 E