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Remarks from on Board of Ship *Niger*
Cruising for Sperm Whales

Feb 28 1880

This day begins with a strong breeze from S. we are cruising ship under lower topsails heading to the wind to E. S. E. to S. E. by E. Middle part of good breeze from S. S. E. latter part latter part strong breeze from the same ship under lower topsails heading N. S. W. saw a Fin back whale and a shoal of Algebras. So ends Lat 20.50 Lon 9.16 E

Feb 29 1880

This day begins with a strong breeze from South we are cruising ship under lower topsails heading to the wind to E. S. E. to S. E. by E. Middle part strong breeze from about the same ship under lower topsails ship heading to N. S. W. the weather is thick & hazy nothing in sight no observations

March 1st 1880

This day begins with fresh breeze from S. course N. V. W. ship under lower topsails Middle part the wind the same S. to S. S. E. ship by the at A.M. N. S. E. to S. W. latter part at 6 A.M. course N. V. W. at 7 A.M. were ship course N. E. by E weather thick and foggy nothing in sight so ends Lat 21

March 2nd 1880

This day begins with a fine breeze from S. course N. E. by E. ship under whole topsails at 6-30 P.M. took in upper topsails Middle & latter parts wind the same course N. E. by E we are employed taring the eyes of the Rigging & fore lower Rigging Lat 19-55 Lon 7-40 E

of New Bedford Mass Thomas & Hallett 1882
Sperm Whale Grounds

March 3rd 1880

This day begins with a fine breeze from S. course N. V. E. ship with flying jib & main canvas set out Middle part took in sail latter part wind light and baffling from S to S E lower N. E. ship under all sail saw a shoal of porpoise so ends Lat 18.50 Lon 8-10 E

March 4th 1880

This day begins with a lte breeze from S to E with fog squalls nothing in sight at 6 P.M. took in sail heading N. E. Middle part lte breeze from S. S. E. ship by the wind to E. latter part lte air and calm we are employed in ship duty so ends Lat 18-14 Lon 8-50 E

March 5th 1880

This day begins with a calm at 4 P.M. lte air from S. S. E. to S. E. ship heading to S. V. E. at 6.30 P.M. took in sails Middle part lte air from S. S. E. ship by the wind to E. latter part lte air from S. to S. S. W. N. E. in Tacking ship so ends Lat 17-45 Lon 9-30 E

March 6th 1880

This day begins with lte breeze from S. to course N. E. at 4-15 P.M. course S. V. E. ship under all sail at 4-15 P.M. saw a shoal of sperm whales 4 miles off we lowered four boats we got nearly up to the whales but it came on dark middle part overcast to S. latter part lte air from S to S. at 8 A.M. saw whales 7 or 8 miles off but the breeze died out to a calm so we did not sail so ends Lat 17-45 Lon 9-30 E