

Journal of a Whaling Voyage kept on

Saturday April 13th 1844

Light winds from the S & E Cruising on the North West at daylight raised a Ship cutting at 4 A.M. saw 2 more ships to windward at 10 1/2 A.M. saw another ship at 1 P.M. raised 3 Whales and lowered for Whales but got none. Saw a Grampus ship strike a Whale. Spoke the Gratitude of New Bedford 36 months 1400 of Sperm. Statson Master. Lat by Obs 33° 30' Long 178° 18'



Sunday April 14

Light winds from the Southward at noon raised Whales and lowered 3 Boats for them the Waist boat fastened and sailed sunset took him along side saw the Columbus of New London strike kill and sink to Whale Lat 34° 14' Long

Monday April 15

Fresh gales from the Southward at daylight commenced cutting. At 4 P.M. finished cutting having lost the Head and Throat At 5 1/2 P.M. started the byworks 3 Sails in sight

Tuesday April 16

Light winds from the Southward Under short sail Employed in trying out

Wednesday April 17

Commenced with moderate gales from the Southward trying out at 5 P.M. finished trying Whales in sight Lat 34° 40' N Long 179° 13' East

Shore Cruising on the North West for Black Whales

Thursday April 18th 1844

Light winds from the Northward with fog and rain Employed in breaking out between decks 2 sails in sight

Friday April 19

Fresh gales and heavy swell from the Westward Lying Under short sail At 5 P.M. spoke the Ship Chelsea of New London She stowed down our oil 130 bb Lat 35° 34' N Long 179° 10' East

Saturday April 20

Light winds from the Southward Lying Under short sail Employed in breaking out the Lower Hole 1 sail in sight Lat 35° 35' N Long 179° 21' East

Sunday April 21

Fresh gales from the Westward Lying to spoke the Philip Cobb of Warren 7 months out 5 Whales

Monday April 22

First part fresh gales from the Northward later part more moderate 4 Sails in sight Saw the ship of Haver strike a Whale and get him A. Spouting blood at sunset at noon lowered for whales but saw them no more Lat 35° 13'

Tuesday April 23

Fresh gales from the Southward at 6 A.M. saw Whales and lowered 3 boats for them but did not get on At 11 A.M. lowered again but without success A Plenty of Whales in sight A going to the southward 2 sails in sight Lat 35° 11' N Long 177° 00'