

Remarks on board the ship B. Williams of Stonington

Monday Sept 3^d— All these 24 hours moderate breezes, the first part from N.W. the latter part from S.W. to S. the first part cloudy weather the latter part clear pleasant weather, the ship laying off & on to Goughs Island. at 2 o'clock this P.M. we lowered the boats for a whale & chased in shore without success. at 4 P.M. hoisted boats, we saw 5 whales this P.M. the most of them going fast, at 6 1/2 o'clock A.M. we lowered the L. boats & went in shore chasing whales at the same time the Capt. chased whales by the ship the whales very wild no one got fast at 11 o'clock A.M. the boats came along side we got breakfast, & at 11 1/2 A.M. we went in shore whaling the barque North America in sight 10 miles off her boats in shore chasing whales. thus ends.

Tuesday Sept 4th— Commenced with with a moderate breeze from S.W. attended with pleasant weather the ship laying off & on at the N. side of Goughs Island, the boats in shore chasing whales but could not get fast, the whales are very shy, the barque North America's boats chasing in company with us, at 4 1/2 o'clock P.M. we came on board & hoisted up the boats. at 6 o'clock P.M. Goughs Island bore S per compass 9 miles Dist. at 5 o'clock A.M. we called all hands & got breakfast, & at 5 1/2 A.M. we lowered the boats & went in shore whaling & boats to each side of the Island at about 8 o'clock the Capt. got fast at about 12 o'clock they killed the whale & commenced towing to the ship, at about 10 o'clock A.M. the L. quarter boat got fast & drew from the whale. the latter part of these 24 hours calm & pleasant weather, the ship at 12 o'clock about 7 miles off, N from Goughs Island there has been a plenty of whales seen to day & very shy. so ends.

Wednesday Sept 5th— All these 24 hours calm & pleasant weather the ship laying to the North of Goughs Island about 5 miles Dist. this P.M. the boats have been employed at towing a whale from inshore to the ship at 9 o'clock P.M. we took the whale along side & took in sail then set the quarter watches. at 5 o'clock A.M. we called all hands & got the cutting gear aloft & commenced cutting the whale, at 11 o'clock A.M. we finished cutting. Goughs Island bearing S. 4 miles Dist. all hands employed at cleaning up decks thus ends.

Thursday Sept 6th— Commences with calm & pleasant weather at 1 P.M. we lowered our 4 boats & went in shore whaling, at about 2 1/2 P.M. the L. quarter boat got fast & killed a whale, the Capt. second boat fast, at 5 o'clock P.M. we took the whale along side & commenced cutting it in at 8 o'clock P.M. finished cutting & double reefed the topsails & set the quarter watches, at 2 o'clock P.M. the wind breezed from N. at 8 o'clock A.M. it commenced raining, the wind from N.W. at 10 o'clock A.M. took in the fit fore & mizen topsails & started the tyworks thus ends.

No observation.

Friday Sept 7th— All these 24 hours blowing a heavy gale the first part from N.W. attended with some rain at 10 o'clock P.M. the L. watch

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cooled the tyworks & took in the foresail, & close reefed the main topsail the ship heading N.W. at 7 1/2 A.M. the bow boat washed away from the davy heads, carried away at the same time the bow davy, at 8 o'clock A.M. the wind shifted to W. blowing a heavy gale attended with heavy squalls of wind & hail, thus ends.

Lat 41° 11' South.

Saturday Sept 8th— These 24 hours commenced with a very heavy gale from N. to N.W. the ship laying under close reefed main topsail & main spencer heading S. at 5 o'clock P.M. we called all hands & took in the main topsail at 12 o'clock midnight the gale commenced to moderate the latter part a fresh gale from S.W. attended with heavy squalls of wind, hail, & snow. at 8 o'clock A.M. the L. watch set the main topsail close reefed & set the foresail at 9 o'clock A.M. started the works tying oil thus ends.

Lat 41° 10' South. Long 9° 12' West.

Sunday Sept 9th— All these 24 hours heavy gales the first part from S.W. the middle part the wind commenced hauling to the W. the latter part the wind from N.W. at 1 o'clock P.M. we wore ship heading N.W. at 5 o'clock P.M. we wore ship heading S. heavy squalls of wind hail & rain has attended this 24 hours, the watches have been employed this 24 hours at tying out oil so ends.

Lat 41° 23' South.

Monday Sept 10th— All these 24 hours fresh gales from N.W. to N.W. the first part attended with squalls of wind & rain, the middle part attended with heavy rain, the latter part squally weather. the watches was employed this P.M. at tying oil at 3 o'clock P.M. we took in the foresail the ship heading S. at 8 o'clock P.M. the L. watch cooled the tyworks, the reason of its being ruff weather. the middle & latter part standing quarter watches, so ends.

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Tuesday Sept 11th— Commences with a fresh gale from S.W. attended with cloudy & misty weather. at 4 o'clock P.M. we set the foresail & wore ship heading N.W. the middle part attend with rain, at 3 o'clock A.M. the wind shifted to S.W. beared the yards around heading S.W. at 10 o'clock wore ship heading W. cloudy weather & fresh breezes from S.W. at 11 o'clock P.M. the L. watch started the works tying oil thus ends.

Lat 41° 45' South. Long 8° 18' West.

Wednesday Sept 12th— All these 24 hours fresh gales from S.W. attended with heavy squalls of wind hail & snow. the ship heading N.W. under close reefed main topsail, and the foresail a part of the time, the watches employed at tying out oil thus ends.

Lat 41° 15' South. Long 8° 45' West.

Thursday Sept 13th— These 24 hours commence with a fresh gale of wind attended with squalls of hail & snow, the ship this P.M. heading N.W. under the foresail & close reefed main topsail, the wind from S.W. the watches employed this P.M. at tying out oil, at 6 o'clock P.M. we finished tying from 6 o'clock P.M. until 5 o'clock A.M. the wind shifted to N.W. & moderated the latter part squalls of rain, at 6 o'clock this A.M. we called all hands & commenced stowing down oil at 10 A.M. set the foretopsail double reefed, & shook one reef out the main topsail the ship heading W. by S. on the S. tack, thus ends.