

Remarks on board the ship B. Williams of Stonington

Sept 13th.— Lat 41° 15' South Long 8° 55' West.

Friday Sept 14th.— Commences with a fresh breeze from N.W. the ship under double reefed fore & main topsails & foresail heading W.S.W. all hands have been employed this P.M. at stowing down oil, at 5 o'clock P.M. we had finished stowing oil & decks cleared up, at 2 o'clock A.M. the L. watch took in the foretopsail & foresail & closed reefed the main topsail, it blowing a heavy gale from N.W. & attended with rain at 9 o'clock A.M. the wind moderated & we set the foresail thus ends.

Sept 15th.— Commences with fresh breezes from N.W. gradually shifting to the westward at 1 o'clock P.M. we wore ship heading to the N.E. at 3 o'clock P.M. we took in the foresail, the wind beginning to blow from W.N.W. at 5 o'clock P.M. we called all hands & took in the main topsail & fore top mast staysail, the wind blowing a very heavy gale from W.N.W. the ship heading N. by W. under the close mizen at 5 o'clock A.M. the gale commenced to moderate at 8 o'clock A.M. set double reefed topsails & foresail steering by the wind heading N.W. at 11 o'clock A.M. we saw land, the Goughs Island, bearing N.W. by W. about 40 miles Dist. thus ends.

Lat 40° 52' South.

Sunday Sept 16th.— All these 24 hours moderate breezes, attended with frequent squalls of wind & hail from W.S.W. steering by the wind heading N.W. at 1 o'clock P.M. we shook the reefs out the fore & main topsails & set the mainsail at 5 o'clock P.M. took in the mainsail & double reefed the topsails at 6 o'clock P.M. we wore ship & lay with the maintopsail aback, at 12 o'clock wore ship heading in for the land N.W. at 6 o'clock A.M. we called all hands, got breakfast & at 9 o'clock A.M. we lowered the boats & went in shore whaling, saw & chased 7 whales without success. whales very wild. thus ends.

The ship about 5 miles Dist. E. from Goughs Island
Monday Sept 17th.— All these 24 hours moderate & good weather, at 2 o'clock P.M. the L. quarter boat got fast to a whale & killed it the waist boat second fast to the whale, the whale sunk to the bottom we hauled the whale to the top of the water & commenced towing the whale to the ship, we got a line fast to the ship the whale nearly filled the L. quarter boat with water, we had to cut the line, the whale parted the line to the ship so we lost the whale. this was at 3 o'clock P.M. at 7 o'clock P.M. we took in sail & set the quarter watch at 6 o'clock A.M. we called all hands & made sail at 8 o'clock A.M. we lowered the boats & went in shore to hunt whales we saw & chased & we have chased 7 whales. thus ends
this 24 hours.

Goughs Island bearing S. 5 miles Dist.

Tuesday Sept 18th.— Then 24 hours moderate breezes from S. & pleasant weather. This P.M. the boats have been in shore whaling, at about 2 o'clock & this P.M. the L. quarter boat got fast to a whale 1 iron or harpoon drew out of the whale & the second one parted, at this time there was about 15 whales around in sight we chased whales until 3 P.M. then

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then came on board. & took in sail double reefed the topsails Goughs Island bearing S. about 4 miles Dist at 6 o'clock called all hands & made all sail, at 7 o'clock A.M. we lowered the ~~boats~~ & went in shore for whale. we saw 2 whales going fast. thus ends.

Goughs Island bearing S. 5 miles Dist
Wednesday Sept 19th.— Commences with calm & good weather the ship laying off & on at Goughs Island, & the boats in shore whaling or chasing whales without success, at 7 o'clock P.M. we hoisted the boats & took in sail the middle & latter part attended with squalls of wind & rain at 7 o'clock A.M. we lowered the boats & went in shore & tried to catch a whale we saw & chased 5 that was too shy to be caught. thus ends.

At 12 o'clock Goughs Island bore W. & Dist.

Thursday Sept 20th.— Commences with fresh breezes from N.W. attended with squalls of wind & rain, the boats in shore chasing wild whales, after chasing 3 whales, the boats came on board, at 2 o'clock on account of bad weather, at 3 o'clock P.M. we double reefed the topsails Goughs Island bearing N.W. 4 miles Dist. at 4 P.M. the weather more moderate, we lowered the boats & went in shore but saw no whales, at 6 o'clock P.M. we came on board the middle & latter part fresh breezes from N.W. attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain the ship laying off & on at the E. side of Goughs Island at 12 o'clock Goughs Island bearing N.W. 5 Dist. thus ends.

Friday Sept 21st.— Commences with fresh breezes from N.W. & good weather the ship heading off & on to the S.E. side of Goughs Island. under double reefed topsails & foresail, at 3 o'clock P.M. we kept the ship off steering N.W. & shook the reefs out of the topsails & set the fore & main topgallantsails, at 8 o'clock P.M. the wind shifted to S.W. the latter part fresh breezes from W.S.W. attended with light squalls of rain, at 3 o'clock P.M. Goughs Island bore W. N.W. 5 Dist. etc.

Lat 39° 12' South.

Saturday Sept 22nd.— Commences with fresh breezes from S.W. & good weather steering N.W. the middle part the wind moderated, the latter part moderate breezes from S.W. to N.W. very pleasant weather, all sails set the watches employed at a few sundry jobs about the ship, thus ends.

Lat 37° 27' South. Long 6° 22' West by lunar obs.

Sunday Sept 23rd.— Commences with moderate breezes from N.W. & pleasant weather steering N.W. by E. with all sails set, at 11 o'clock P.M. the L. watch took in the topgallantsails & flying jib, it blowing a fresh breeze from N.W. attended with light rain at 2 o'clock A.M. the L. watch single reefed the topsails, the latter part fresh breezes from N.W. attended with light rain, steering N.W. by E. thus ends.

Lat 35° 51' South. Long 6.

Monday Sept 24th.— Commences with a fresh breeze from N.W. attended with light rain steering N.W. by E. at 6 o'clock A.M. we double reefed the topsails the latter part fine breezes from W.N.W. & good weather, at 6 o'clock A.M. we shook the reefs out the topsails & set the main topgallantsail, at 8 A.M. shifted the course to E. by N. the watches have been employed at sundry jobs about the