

Remarks on board the ship.

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Lat 34° 47' S. Long 114° 35' E.

Saturday Nov^r 17th. All these 24 hours moderate breezes from S. to S.W. attended with frequent squalls of light rain steering by the wind heading S.W. to S.E. at 1 P.M. we set the jib & mizzen topsail at 4 P.M. all hands took in fore & mizzen topsail & jib. at 4 1/2 A.M. we called all hands & made all sail, the watches have been employed at a few sundry jobs about the ship. thus ends.

Lat 36° S. Long 115° 53' East.

Sunday Nov^r 18th.

These 24 hours commences with moderate breezes from S. steering by the wind heading S.E. until 10 o'clock P.M. thence we tacked ship heading S.W. at 4 A.M. we tacked ship heading S.W. carrying all sails, at 5 1/2 A.M. we raised one sperm whale 1 1/2 miles to the weather beam then it was going fast to the windward, at 6 o'clock A.M. we raised 2 more whales on the weather bow & points, that appeared to be going to windward, & at 8 o'clock we raised more whales all around the ship, there appeared to be about seectingly 15 or not 20 in sight at 8 1/2 A.M. we lowered the larboard boats, in about an hour, after we lowered the second mate struck a large whale (this school of whales were all large) the whale sounded out nearly all of his line, I passed the end of my line in his boat & they bent on, in a few minutes the whale came up & before I could reach the whale with my boat it sounded again & before the whale came up the harpoon drew out, & at the same time I got fast to another large whale & at the same inst. my whale line got cut off by the head of my lance & in about 10 minutes from the time I was fast to the whale that the second mate drew from, & in about 10 minutes the whale took my line, but I think that if the second mate had tried to have got to my boat with his line, I think the whale could have been saved. the whale went off with my line & 2 druggs (whilst this work was transacting the third mate got fast) thence I went to help the 3^d mate but the whale had got running & run fast so that I could not get near, I went on to two gums & killed one whale in each gum in the mean time the 3^d mate got his whale to sprout good blood. & about the same time he cut his wrist bad, the second mate had been chasing whales this time, the 3^d mate got in my boat & I in his & he came on board with my boat, this was at 12 o'clock. thus ends.

Lat 35° 34' S. Long 115° 43' East.

The latter part of the 18th good & fine breezes from S.E. & I should say the Capt. being unwell he sent his boat down by the boatsteer see G.O. but he did not get near.

Betsy Williams of Stonington.

Monday Nov^r 19th. — Commences with fine breezes from S. & the weather overcast but good. the bow boat fast to a whale I was in her, the second mate attending. at 1 1/2 P.M. I got the whale dead & at 2 P.M. we took the whale along side the ship, & got our cutting gear ready. at the same time there was a number of whales close by to the leeward of the ship, the second mate lowered in the Capt's boat & rowed on a whale but did not get fast. at the same time the rest of us hooked on to the whale & wore ship & commenced cutting in the whale. at the same time the whales came up & the 2^d mate went on again & got fast. the 3^d mate lowered to help him kill the whale the second mate killed the whale & got his boat stove, the 3^d mate not able to work with but 1 hand, the second mate changed in boats with him, & he came on board. then we sent down the waist boat to help about the whale. the rest of us busy at cutting in the whale. at 6 P.M. they towed the whale along side the ship the middle part fresh gales from S. & rainy. at 3 1/2 A.M. we got the whales body cut in. thence all hands went below except 2 boatsteers until 8 o'clock A.M. thence we commenced cutting in our 2^d whale. the weather moderate from S.E. the ship heading S.W. thus ends. No observation.

Tuesday Nov^r 20th. All these 24 hours fine weather & fine breezes. the first part from S.E. & the latter part from S. all hands employed this P.M. at cutting in the whale. at 2 P.M. we finished cutting, the ship on the S. tack heading S.W. under the foresail & mizzen topsail. one whale's head towing astern at 4 o'clock A.M. we called all hands & commenced clearing away the whales carc. & junk. at 8 o'clock A.M. we started the works to drying oil. thus ends.

Lat 35° 35' S. Long 115° 54' E.

Wednesday Nov^r 21st. — These 24 hours commences with a fine breeze from S. & fine weather. at 1 o'clock P.M. we took the whales head along side & commenced heaving it in at 9 o'clock P.M. we finished cutting & decks all clear. from 10 P.M. till 2 A.M. calm thence fresh gales from W. at 5 A.M. we drest reefed the main topsail & took in the fore & mizzen that was double reefed. the ship heading S.W.

Lat 35° 55' E.

Thursday Nov^r 22^d. — These 24 hours fresh gales from W. attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain. the ship laying under drest reefed main topsail & foresail until 9 A.M. thence we set the foresail & mizzen double reefed & shook 1 reef out the main topsail the watches employed at drying oil. the ship heading S.W. thus ends.

Lat 35° 59' S.

Friday Nov^r 23^d. These 24 hours fresh gales from W. attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain at 2 P.M. we kept the ship off steering N.E. at 6 P.M. we luffed to the wind heading S.W. took in the foretopsail & drest reefed the main. at 8 o'clock this A.M. we kept the ship off steering N.E.