

Remarks on board the ship.

Tuesday Dec 18th. — These 24 hours fine breezes veering from S.S. W. to S.W. & very pleasant weather, steering to the eastward by the wind 4 o'clock P.M. thence we tacked ship heading S.W. at 4 P.M. we raised the land bearing N.E. about 30 miles Dist. at 7 P.M. we took in sail, & lay ship under double reefed maintopsail, foresail & foretopmast staysail, at 4 1/2 M. we called all hands & set all sails steering N.S.W. by the wind. so ends.

Wednesday Dec 19th. — Commences with fine breezes from S. steering by the wind heading N.S.W. the weather pleasant, at 7 P.M. all hands took in sail, lay the ship under close reefed maintopsail, foresail & foretopmast staysail, at 4 1/2 M. we called all hands & set all sails heading S.W. by the wind, at 7 o'clock A.M. we tacked ship heading E. by N. at 11 A.M. raised a sail to leeward, at 11 1/2 M. a brig passed us that was steering N.N.W. thus ends.

Thursday Dec 20th. — Commences with fine breezes from S.S.W. the weather pleasant, steering by the wind heading E. by N. at 2 P.M. we took in topgalantsails at 6 P.M. we double reefed the topsails, & at 7 o'clock we tacked ship heading S.W. the middle & latter part fresh gales from S.S.W. the weather overcast. so ends.

Friday Dec 21st. — Commences with fresh gales from S.S.W. the weather overcast, steering by the wind heading S.S.W. under double reefed topsails, at 11 o'clock P.M. the wind commenced to moderate, at 5 1/2 M. we shook out the reefs & set all sails, at 7 1/2 M. we tacked ship heading E.S.E. by the wind, the latter part fine breezes from S. thus ends.

Saturday Dec 22nd. — Commences with fine breezes from S. steering by the wind heading E.S.E. the weather pleasant, the middle part moderate baffling breezes from S.W. at 12 o'clock M. we tacked ship heading S.W. by S. the latter part moderate breezes from E.S.E. at 7 o'clock A.M. we tacked ship heading E.W. by the wind, the latter part the wind headed us off to N.E. the weather very pleasant, this ends.

Sunday Dec 23rd. — Commences with fine breezes from E.S.E. & pleasant weather, steering by the wind heading N.E. at 1 P.M. we took in the flying jib, at 3 P.M. we took in topgalantsails, the wind veering at 5 P.M. we double reefed the topsails, furled the mainsail & tacked ship heading S. at 7 P.M. we took in the jib, the wind veering to the N. & blowing fresh, at 11 P.M. the wind E.S.E. at 6 A.M. the wind N. steering S.E. by E. at 8 A.M. the commenced to moderate at 10 A.M. we set all sails, the weather pleasant, thus ends.

Monday Dec 24th. — This P.M. commences with fine breezes from N.W. & pleasant weather, steering S.E. at 1 P.M. the wind shifted to W. & commenced veering, at 2 A.M. took in topgalantsails, at 6 A.M. the wind shifted to S.W. attended with frequent squalls of light rain thus ends steering S.E. by E. No observation.

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Tuesday Dec 25th 1797. — All these 24 hours fresh gales from S.W. the first part attended with light rain at 10 o'clock P.M. took in the mainsail, steering S.E. by E. the latter part clear weather, from 8 to 12 A.M. going 1' per log. thus ends.

Wednesday Dec 26th. — Commences with a fresh gale from N.S.W. the weather clear, steering S.E. by S. at 4 P.M. the wind changed to W. & commenced moderating, at 10 P.M. we set the topgalantsails, this A.M. fine breezes, the weather overcast, steering E. by S. thus ends.

Thursday Dec 27th. — These 24 hours commence with a moderate breeze from W. at 4 P.M. calm at 6 P.M. the wind veered from W.E. steering E.S.E. by the wind, at 2 A.M. it commenced raining & at 4 A.M. the wind shifted to N. with good weather, this A.M. steering E.S.E. thus ends.

Friday Dec 28th. Commences with moderate breezes from W. the weather pleasant, steering E.S.E. under all sail, at 3 1/2 o'clock P.M. we raised one right whale, we lowered all 4 boats & chased without success, at 5 P.M. the ship kepers raised more whales to leeward, the S. quarter boat got fast & the harpoons came out, at about the same time the whale stove the bow boat badly, the waist boat got fast & saved the whale, at 8 P.M. we took the whale to the ship, thence we took in sail lay the ship under close reefed main topsail, at 4 A.M. we called all hands & commenced to cut the whale, at 11 1/2 A.M. we finished cutting, the latter part of these 24 hours attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain this ends by setting the foresail.

Saturday Dec 29th. — Commences with fresh gales from W. the weather pleasant, the ship heading S.S.W. under close reefed main top sail, & foresail, the watches have been employed at trying out oil, this P.M. we saw a number of right whales, the weather & sea too rough for us to lower, this A.M. fresh gales from W.N.W. at 7 A.M. we wore ship heading N. by W.

Sunday Dec 30th. — This day commences with fresh gales from W.N.W. the weather clear, the latter part moderate breezes from N.W. attended with light rain, this P.M. the ship heading N. under close reefed main topsail & foresail at 6 A.M. we set whole topsails, & jib, at 4 A.M. we finished trying our pair of oil, at 7 A.M. we tacked ship heading S.W. thence we commenced breaking ore to stow down oil thus ends, no observation.

Monday Dec 31st. — Commences with fine breezes from W.N.W. the weather pleasant, steering to the S.W. by the wind, the watches employed at stowing down oil, at 7 P.M. all hands took in sail, lay the ship under double reefed main topsail & foresail at 9 P.M. the wind commenced shifting to the N. this A.M. fresh gales from W. attended with thick weather.