

Remarks on board the ship Betsy Williams of Stonington

spoke the big Galao of Liverpool, at 7 P.M. we took light air from S.W. thence steering N.W. by E. per compass, the latter part fine breezes from W. ship under all sail, steering N.W. by E. per compass, thus ends.

Friday, Jan 31st 1851— Commences with fine breezes from S.W. steering N.W. by E. per compass under all sail, till 2 P.M. then we descried sperm whales, at 3 P.M. we luffed the ship to the wind & lowered away, the two quarter, & waist-boats, at about 5 P.M. the L. quarter boat struck a large one & in a few minutes drewed, at 7 P.M. hoisted boats, and lay the ship under, double reefed fore & main, topsails, & foresail heading S. at 5 A.M. all hands set all sail, heading S. at 6 A.M. tacked ship, at 7 1/2 A.M. we descried sperm whales, at 9 A.M. we lowered all the boats, & at about 11 A.M. the third mate struck (that we saved) & a few minutes after the Capt. struck, one, which sounded bad, there was, four ships in sight, so ends.

Saturday, Feb 1st 1851— All these 24 hours light baffling air from all points of compass, at 1 P.M. we took the whale to the ship, & about the same time the Capt. 2^d & 3^d mates cut from the whale the L. Capt. struck the boats at the same time out of sight from the ship, at 8 P.M. we hoisted boats, at 6 A.M. we commenced cutting the whale, the weather fair, saw a number of sperm whales this A.M. thus ends.

Sunday, Feb 2nd 1851— Begins with light airy N.W. the weather pleasant, all hands employed at cutting in the whale, at 6 P.M. we finished cutting the whale, (the blubber all on deck) then lay the ship under close reefed main topsail, & foresail, heading W. per compass, light airs from S.W. at midnight the wind, changed to N.W. attended with light squalls, the latter part fine breezes from N.W. the weather fair, heading N.W. by E. at 10 P.M. the L. watch commenced tying oil, the latter part all hands employed at cleaving decks, & tying oil, at 6 A.M. descried a school of sperm whales six miles to windward, so ends.

Monday, Feb 3rd 1851— All these 24 hours fine breezes from N.W. & fine weather, the ship under single reefed main topsail, foresail & jib heading W. till 8 A.M. at 5 A.M. we set the fore topsail at 8 A.M. we wore ship heading N.W. per compass, this P.M. we saw a number of sperm whales going fast to windward, the watches employed at tying oil, so ends.

Tuesday, Feb 4th 1851— Begins with fine breezes from N.W. the weather fair, the ship under fore & main topsail, foresail, & jib heading N.W. by E. at 8 P.M. we backed the main topsail, & lay so till 5 A.M. from 10 to 4 A.M. calm, thence fine breezes from S.W. at 5 A.M. faced the main topsail thence steering

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by the wind heading S.W. per compass, the watches employed at tying oil, so ends.

Wednesday, Feb 5th 1851— Begins with fresh breezes from S.W. at 1 P.M. we double reefed the foretopsail heading S.W. the middle, & latter part fine breezes from S.W. at 12 o'clock M. we wore ship heading N.W. per compass, at 5 A.M. we set whole topsails, mainsail, & main top galantsail, at 1 P.M. we finished tying oil so ends.

Thursday, Feb 6th 1851— These 24 hours fine breezes from E. by S. steering by the wind heading N.W. by N. per compass, at 7 P.M. we took in top galantsails, at 8 A.M. commenced stowing oil below, aft, at 11 A.M. double reefed the topsails to ease the ship upon an even keel, thus ends.

Friday, Feb 7th 1851— Begins with fine breezes, & fair weather from E. at 1 P.M. the wind commenced veering, the weather overcast, the ship heading N.W. by E. till 5 P.M. then the wind shifted to E. by N. the middle part fresh steady breezes, the ship under double reefed topsails jib, & courses, also the sp. anker, at 5 A.M. we luffed ship heading E. thence fresh breezes from N.W. attended with frequent squalls of rain, at 10 A.M. we set single reefed main topsail, all hands employed this P.M. stowing oil, the watches employed this A.M. at the same, thus ends.

Saturday, Feb 8th 1851— Begins with fresh gales from N. attended with frequent squalls of wind & rain, at 1 P.M. shook one reef out the fore & mizzen topsails at 3 P.M. we double reefed the topsails, at 8 P.M. the wind commenced to moderate, at 3 A.M. set whole topsails, steering N.W. by E. per compass, at 5 A.M. the wind shifted to W. then set all sail, also set the forelop mast studingsail, the latter part fine breezes from W. the weather fair the watches employed this A.M. at sundry jobs, about the ship, thus ends.

Sunday, Feb 9th 1851— Begins with fine breezes from W. veering to S.W. & moderating, from 8 P.M. till 4 A.M. calm the weather overcast, at 4 A.M. the wind veered from N.W. attended with light squalls, till 8 A.M. thence the wind veering to the southwest, the latter part fine breezes & pleasant weather, steering E. by N. per compass, under full sail, at 8 A.M. we changed signals with an American flag, thus ends.

Monday, Feb 10th 1851— Begins, fine breezes from S.W. & veering to E. the weather fair, steering N.W. by E. N.E. per compass, till 7 P.M. whence the wind headed us from our course, the latter part fine breezes from E. steering by the wind heading N.W. by E. under all sail, the watches employed this A.M. on the ships rigging, saw a number of sails passing, thus ends.