

Blackstone of Nipistia 1843

Saturday Sept 23rd

These 24 hours Commences With a Pleasant Breeze from S & heading Eastward At 1 P.M. Spoke the Ship Isaac Howland of New Bedford who went on board at 2 P.M. Came on board At 3 P.M. Saw at sail at Stern at 4 P.M. he Came up under the Stern He proved to be a clear of War Brig middle part fresh winds And squally With rain took topgalant Sails flying jib And Gaff topsail And Doubled Reefed the topsails Latter part Strong Winds at 12 meriden took in the mainsail And jib And Gaff Closed Reefed the foretop sail So Ends this Day our Ship in Sight Lat 34° 12' South Lon By Chron 11° 43' West

Sunday Sept 24th

These 24 hours Commences With Strong Winds from the S & heading E to ESE under Double Reefed top sail And jib in middle part more moderate at 1 A.M. took Ship to the South And that latter Part Pleasant With Moderate Winds Nothing in Sight So Ends this Day Lat 34° 06' South Lon By Chron 11° 30' West

Monday Sept 25th

First part of these 24 hours light ship from the S & And Pleasant Weather middle part Calm Latter part light Airs from the NW With Clear Weather Steering S & By S Set the Studingsails Men Employed in Ships Duty So Ends this Day Lat 34° 21' South Lon By Chron 11° 30'

Towards the Indian Ocean

Tuesday Sept 26th

First part of these 24 hours light air from the NW Steering S & By S With all possible sail Set to the best advantage middle part Winds from the NW Latter part the same So Ends this Day Nothing in Sight Men Employed in Ships Duty Lat 35° 20' South Lon By Chron 9° 40'

Wednesday Sept 27th

First part of these 24 hours fine breeze from NW Steering S & By S With all sail Set Passed several bunches of Whales middle And Latter parts strong Winds And rising Clouds So Ends this Day Saw one fin back Whale hauled in the Studingsails and wore round And stood fore the Whale to see what it was kept of her Course Lat 37° 08' South Lon By Chron 6° 50' West

Thursday Sept 28th

These 24 hours Commences With Strong Winds from the Northward And smoky Weather Steering E & S took in the top galant Studingsail And Gaff topsail middle part the same Latter part Rainy Set the main spencer And Gaff topsail one ship in sight At 9 A.M. Exchanged Signals He was an English Ship Steering to the Eastward So Ends this Day Lat 37° 30' South Lon By Chron 2° 35' West

Friday Sept 29th

These 24 hours Commences With Strong Winds from the Northward And smoky Weather middle part strong winds And Rainy At 4 A.M. the winds shifted in A Squall to the WSW Latter part strong Winds from the WSW took in And made sail As occasion required one ship in sight Steering Eastward Saw one fin back Whale Lat 37° 38' South Lon By Chron 1° 02' East