

Homeward Bound Oct 4 1844

20th
Friday Oct 4th
All these 24 hours fine pleasant weather with light air from the Southward heading to the South and West with all sail set to the best advantage at 7 A.M. Rose a school of sperm whale lowered for them. All these boats got fast turned up three of them one line parted and the whale sunk saved the other too so ended towing the whale to the ship. No kills this day.

Saturday Oct 5th
These 24 hours commenced with light air and calm at 1 P.M. we took the whale along side and commenced cutting ready for cutting at 5 P.M. hooked on to the whale at 5 P.M. got one butt in the other lay along side all night at 1 P.M. started the big work middle part fresh wind from the Eastward and heavy rain had to cool down at 4 P.M. hooked on to the whale at 11 A.M. finished cutting and started the works latter part fine pleasant weather with light air of wind from the Southward employed in clearing away the jaws and heads and so forth and boiling so ended. Lat 0° 16' 50" N

Sunday Oct 6th
First part of this day light winds from East to South and rainy weather steering on a wind to the South and West middle and latter parts fine pleasant weather winds S.E. employed in boiling and saw fourth saw nothing this day but birds and small fish came the ship so ended. Lat 0° 5' 42" North Lon by Chr 160° 26' West

Homeward Bound Oct 7th

Monday Oct 7th
First part of this day light air from the East and pleasant weather steering on a wind to the South and West middle part light air from the S.E. and small squalls of rain and wind later part fresh winds from the Southward heading to the S.W. at 1 P.M. got through heading out the body of the whale and hooked down chased away the heads and then built up the tank at 6 P.M. started the works to boil out the heads and employed in boiling the heads nothing in sight this day but birds and ship parts were seen. Lat 0° 03' 00" N Lon by Chr 161° 14' West

Tuesday Oct 8th
First part of this day strong southerly winds heading to the S.W. on a wind Northward and latter parts moderate southerly winds and pleasant weather nothing in sight this day but black fish and birds and small fish were seen this 24 hours men employed in ship duty. Lat 0° 05' 00" N Lon by Chr 162° 15' West

Wednesday Oct 9th
All these 24 hours light southerly winds and pleasant weather steering on a wind to the South and West nothing in sight this day but birds and so forth men employed in ship duty so ended this day. Lat 0° 3' 00" N Lon by Chr 163° 11' West

Thursday Oct 10th
First part of this day light winds from the S.E. and pleasant weather at 4 P.M. a heavy squall of winds and rain from the S.E. took in topgallant sails flying jib and topsail and hauled up the mainsail squalls and latter part strong S.E. winds heading S.W. so ended Lat 0° 34' 00" N Lon 163° 28' West