

Ship Board of Venerable Bedford in the South Atlantic

Remarks On Board Friday September 14th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commences with Gentle Breeze from the S.W. Ship Lying off and on at Tristan da Cunha Boat on Shore Cruising for Whales at 5 PM Boat Came on board Saw no Whales Made Port Light Wind from the S.W. with Pleasant Weather at 6 AM Landed the Boat and went towards the Island of Tristan da Cunha Saw two Wright Whales Starboard Boat Fastened to one of them hauled the Whales and commenced towing him towards the Ship two Chaps in at the Island the Master of Mission and the Captain of the Ship later Port Light Wind and variable to Breeze these 24 hours all hands Employed in towing the Whales off from the Shore

Remarks On Board Saturday September 15th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commences with Light Winds from the S.W. at 3 PM Took the Whales along side of the Ship & commenced cutting at 4 PM finished cutting small Port Gentle Breeze from the S.W. & Pleasant Ship Lying off & on at Tristan da Cunha at 6 AM Landed the Boat went in Shore saw one of Whales did not get fast at 12 AM Boat Came on Board Latter Port Gentle Breeze and Breeze weather to Breeze these 24 hours all hands Employed

Remarks On Board Sunday September 16th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commences with Gentle Breeze from the S.W. Ship Lying off and on at Tristan da Cunha At 10 PM Commenced Boiling out our blubber Whales Port Gentle Breeze from the S.W. Ship Lying off and on at 6 AM Landed the Boat and went in Shore saw a Wright Whales Starboard Boat fastened to the Whales and commenced towing the Whales off towards the Ship Latter Port Gentle Breeze from the S.W. to Breeze these 24 hours all hands Employed in Boiling our blubber & towing the Whales off to the Ship

Ocean at the Tristan da Cunha Cruising for Wright Whales

Remarks On Board Monday September 17th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commences with Gentle Breeze from the S.W. Ship Lying in towards the Land at 2 PM Took the Whales along side of the Ship & commenced cutting at 5 PM finished cutting Whales 1 Boats & Latter Port Fresh Gale from the West at 6 AM Boat went into Island saw several Wright Whales could not get fast to them, spoke the Ship Amazon of Fairhaven with 1700 lbs fifteen months out to Breeze these 24 hours all hands Employed in this Duty 80

Remarks On Board Tuesday September 18th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commences with Fresh Gale from the West Ship Lying off and on at the Island at 3 PM Boat Came on Board with out Success Made Port Light from the S.W. with Pleasant weather at 6 AM Boat went in Shore saw no Whales this Day Latter Port Light Winds Ship Lying off and on at the Island to Breeze these 24 hours all hands Employed in Boiling out our blubber & Boat a Cruising,

Remarks On Board Wednesday September 19th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commences with Light winds from the West Ship Lying off and on at Tristan da Cunha at 4 PM Boat Came on Board with out Success Made Port Light Winds from the S.W. at 6 AM Landed the Boat went in Shore saw several Wright Whales did not get fast at 11 AM Boat Came on Board stood the Ship but for Gales Island Latter Port Fresh Breeze from the North to Breeze these 24 hours all hands Employed in boiling out blubber