

56 Bark Bruce cruising off sandy island



Saturday December 16 lite breases from N & the above mentioned whales in sight the west boat got two the starboard boat got one the starboard boat struck and he took the line at 4 P.M. took the whales along side and took up the boats at 6 A.M. cald all hands and commenced cutting in so ends

lat 17:28 S
long 54:28 E

Sunday December 17 fine weather with lite winds from N & all hands employed cutting in at 3 P.M. finished cutting and cleared the decks at 4 sat the watches and at 9 commenced boiling at 6 A.M. so as to get of sperm whales at 7 low tide the starboard boat struck and got one at 9 the starboard boat launched and sailed at a long distance at 12 took byrns along side and histed up the boats lat 17:47 S



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long 54:14 E

Monday December 18 fine weather with lite ares from N & and got ready and commenced cutting at 3 P.M. finished and cleared up the decks at 6 P.M. so a rakes and board the starboard boat and waited

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up to it in hopes that it was a dead whale middle part came last part lite ares from S & were ship heading E N & by the wind all hands employed boiling and picking the west boat so ends lat 17:42 S lon 54:15 E

Tuesday December 19 begins fine with lite ares from S & heading E N & by the wind under all sails at 6 P.M. so spouts and breath which wea think was sperm whales a long way off lite winds and carried the rest of the day all hands employed boiling out so ends lat 17:28 S lon 54:08

Wednesday December 20 begins fine with light winds and carries from E all hands employed boiling out at 3 P.M. finished boiling and cleared up the decks and sat boats crew watches for the light moderate breases all night heading S & fast part so black fish lat 17:47 S

Thursday December 21 begins fine with light ares from E heading S & E by the wind at sunset took in the fore topgallant and gafftopsail were round heading to the N and E at 8 took heading N N & so black fish