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whales lashed every 5 hours last part running off first an one back on the other so by backs so ends

Monday February 5 begins fine with light winds from NW heading at 2 PM lashed heading NW under all sail at sunset took in the fore topgallant sail slight breezes all night at day light commenced sailing all hands employed slowing down at 8 see sperm whales toward the boats at 11 all three boats got fast and killed the whales the west boat struck and got another starboard boat struck and drew sounds

Tuesday February 6 commences fine with light breeze from NW heading at 2 PM the boats still off the starboard boat went along side darted beach down against the whale but did not go down at 1 PM took one whale along side at 5 PM took 3 along side got the cutting pals up aloft broke out the the blubber room at day light called all hands and commenced cutting too soon long 58.18 lat 3.12 last specially

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Wednesday February 7 begins rainy squally at 1 PM hooked on to the other at 5 finished cutting in all hands clearing away heads at 7 sat the watch the watch employed clearing up decks and cutting up junk more ship heading NNE at the fore sail made insight middle part fine the watch employed clearing away heads at 4 PM commenced boiling last part all hands employed boiling so ends long 58.16 E lat 2.13 S

Thursday February 8 commences fine with light breeze from NW heading off by it under all sail all hands employed boiling and fitting craft middle part light breeze heading NW the watch still boiling at 7 PM lashed heading NNE all hands employed boiling so ends long 58.32 E

Friday February 9 commences fine with light breeze from NW heading NNE all hands employed boiling at sunset finished the body so sprouts 4 mites off middle part fine 6 PM finished boiling and deck cleared up the decks and commenced breaking the ground and copied it and stored it ready to start down oil at 7 lashed heading W by the wind so ends