

Barque Bennett cruising of the River La Platte

Friday Feb 17 1873 commenced with moderate breeze from the Southward and fore weather steering N.E. at sunset shortened sail & run through the night; at daylight made sail saw two sails at 11 A.M. spoke the Penobscot of Santusket, had not got a whale for 6 months poor fellows they have harder luck than we do and in hopes we both shall have better luck than we have done

Saturday Feb 18 commenced with moderate breeze from the E.N.E. & cloudy weather heaving to the Northward at the wind; at sunset took in the fore topsail & had a social game with the Penobscot; at 10 in the evening parted company with her; at daylight made sail saw a hump back steering to the S.W. at 9 A.M. shot in foggy called the people down from the mast head and took in sail; latter part a smart rain storm

Sunday Feb 19 first part strong winds from the E.N.E. & frequent rain squalls; at midnight wind shifted to the Southward at daylight made all sail & steered E.E. raised & sent three points toward the land; at 9 A.M. wind increased cloud down a double reef; at 10 A.M. made the sail out to be the Penobscot

Lat by obs 37° 12' S

Long by Lunar 77° 58' W

Long by Chron 77° 52' W

Monday Feb 20 strong gales from the Southward Barque heading to the Eastward at 1 P.M. took in the fore topsail & hove to; at sunset wore ship; stood a watch through the night; at daylight set the topsails single reef. Latter part the old Barque diving in to it; at 10 small rate wish she was bound to the Northward the air is getting quite chilly here and bad weather for whaling nothing in sight from the mast heads except birds I am getting impatient want a letter from home

Lat in 37° 06' S

Long in 77° 15' W

E. M. Dyer Master

Tuesday Feb 21 1873 first part strong winds from the S.E. at sunset headed the Penobscot; at daylight made sail & stood to the S.E. wind S.W. saw 2 sails to the leeward supposed her to be the Penobscot nothing of the whale kind in sight from the mast head; dark times enough for whalers Capt Dyer quite unable to dry

Wednesday Feb 22 1873 fine weather wind from the Northward Barque heading to the Eastward; at daylight a sail off the lee quarter at 10 A.M. took exchange signals with her; latter part 2000 men employed in grinding craft; Capt & 2000 men employed in making & Dyer saw lots of porpoises; at 11 saw a turtle dated at land through him that did not save him; there were gone since we saw the spout of whale

Lat by obs 37° 23' S

Long in by Chronometer 76° 02' W

Thursday Feb 23 1873 fine weather wind N.W. steering S.E. by E as a course; at sunset took in the fore topsail and hove to under double reef main middle part cloudy; at daylight made sail & kept off S.E. by E. saw one solitary Shagel nose shark going slow to the leeward; at 5 P.M. took a Lunar observation by measuring the distance of the moon from the Sun same time saw the Star Venus very plain two years ago to night I spent the evening at Miss Ann's Craville in honor to her birth day

Lat in to day 37° 38' S

Long by Chronometer 75° 00' W

Long by Lunar 75° 18'