

Barque Bennett cruising off the River San Mateo
 Friday Febth 24 1843 at 2 P.M. raised the great tanning latter at 3 P.M. saw
 branches to the land station sent as usual & made
 sail at daylight & was ship to the Westward at 8 not
 seeing any thing more encouraging were round again
 got out some bread & a bit of fish water saw at 10 A.M.
 saw Venus very plain latter part strong winds
 & cloudy Lat by obs 33° 27' S
 Long by Chron 44° 17' W

Saturday Febth 25 1843 above winds & weather Barque heading S. C. saw
 a few porpoises shot and made sail as usual I am
 about sick of this time & have ground want to
 go to the Eastward now there looks promising hope
 we shall get a whale soon

Sunday Febth 26 1843 first & middle part with breeze from the Northward
 at sunset hauled fore & aft sail at daylight
 made sail saw a Sun Fish & some Turbot latter
 part fresh breeze & heavy Lat by obs 33° 47' S
 Long in 44° 49' W

Monday Febth 27 1843 last part moderate breeze from the Northward
 at 9 A.M. raised a dead whale at 11:30 took him to
 the ship up takes got ready to cut & got
 on in two marked divers; ends with fine weather & a good prospect
 of having a fine mesage

Tuesday Febth 28 commenced with light winds & a heavy swell
 at 12:30 commenced cutting; at dark got the largest
 part off the body in 11 let the rest go took in
 sail down bibles got supper set the watch & comm
 enced boiling middle part squalls & some rain latter
 part fine weather wind from Barque heading S.W. by E
 saw a hump back to the seaward supposed her to be
 the Typhoon of Antucket Lat by obs 34° 33' S
 Long in 46° 24' W

Wednesday Febth 29 1843 E. N. E. Master
 light breeze from the Southward Barque heading
 S.W. by W. at 3 P.M. finished boiling took in sail
 and luffed to the wind at daylight made sail got
 out bread flour & water & set the watch to work
 about the rigging at 5:30 raised & sporting fish took
 them to be sperm whales down boats & after them
 but they proved to be Grampuses gave up the chase
 & came on board latter part fine & clear
 Lat by obs 34° 27' S
 Long by Chron 45° 58' W

Thursday Febth 29 1843

first part light wind from the Northward slowed down
 20 bbls of sperm oil at 3 raised a sail at 5 hauled to
 the Westward at sunset took in sail at the fore to sail
 double reef at daylight at 7 A.M. spoke Barque Imogen
 of Boston 8 months out 220 bbls & the Penobscot of Antu
 tick 12 months out 100 latter part strong gales &
 rugged weather all hands a hanning
 Lat in 34° 27' S
 Long by Chron 45° 58' W

Friday Febth 30 1843

commenced with moderate gales at sunset part of
 company with the Imogen & Penobscot latter part light
 winds & a heavy swell Barque heading to the Eastward
 all the watch busily employed about the rigging
 at 8 raised spouts took them to be sperm whales
 got the boats ready to lower but to our great mortification
 they proved to be Grampuses Lat in 33° 44' S
 Long in 45° 50' W

