

January 1846

Wednesdayth 23

This day came with light winds from the S.E. at 4 PM spoke the barque "Francis" and the Capt went on board at 10 PM returned steering S.W. at 6 AM saw a shoal of whales on our weather beam made one tack and hauled and the foreboard and bow boat and waist boat struck at 11 AM got one off then along side the bow boat got stove the Island of Abingdon distant 20 miles bearing E.N.E. ends these 24 hours

Thursdayth 24

 This day came with light winds from the N.W. at 2 PM got the other whales along side at 10 AM commenced cutting at 6 finished and set the watch for the night the middle part the watch employed in clearing away the heath the ship heading S.W. the wind light the middle part calm the latter part all hands employed in hoisting sail and setting up shocks for sail the Island of Abingdon in sight distant 10 miles so ends this day

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Fridayth 25

This day came with light winds from the N.W. and thick weather Abingdon Island distant 15 miles the watch employed in hoisting sail at 4 PM kept off S.E. the middle and latter part a moderate breeze still employed in hoisting the Island of Abingdon still in sight distant 20 miles so ends this day

Saturdayth 26

This day came with light winds from the S.W. standing by the wind S.W. Abingdon Island distant 20 miles bearing S.W. at 4 PM finished hoisting and washed off the decks the middle part standing by the wind S.W. at 11 AM saw whales going to the windward quick did not lower so ends this day

Sundayth 27

This day came with strong winds from the S.W. at 10 PM hauled at sundown the foreboard struck and the whale run to windward cut from him at 7 returned to the ship at sundown tower Island in sight distant 20 miles bearing S the middle and latter part standing on different tacks at 11 AM saw whales on our lee beam distant 4 miles kept off for them and sail in sight on our weather beam whaling so ends this day