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John Kendrickson board the Schooner
Elihu of New Bedford bound on her southern
cruise supplying light houses with oil sailed Oct 31st
Joseph Hubbard Master had a fine passage out and
arrived at Emerald island on the seventh of Nov
it being our first light it is a revolving light of
fifteen lamps Nov 12 employed at ship duty
Nov 13th supplied the light with four hundred and fifty
gallons of oil and one hundred and thirty two glasses
and put on eight reflectors we have to take our oil
about three miles and a half up the creek and it is
as crooked as any body can imagine we took the
oil up and landed it and came back the same tide
which never was done before it is very good landing
but you have it to row up a sand hill about an eighth
of a mile but fifty gallon casks are the best to take up
Nov 14th took off two casks of water in the morning the remainder
of the ^{day} at leisure it Nov 15th it is head wind and blowing a
gale both anchors down employed at different jobs
Nov 16th still blowing a gale at the North ward this morning
picked up some pieces of a wreck of an English Ship
which was cast away on a small island about 5 miles from
here called Summitland she was loaded with salt and nails
the after noon went on shore and got some wood and had
a fine time collecting curiosities so ends the 24 hour
I have made a mistake in writing the above in
calling it Emerald instead of Amelia island