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Ssk Mattie E. Smiths Journal

Thursday October 1st 1885 Sailed
from the Bedford on a voyage
of Whaling. F. P. Fisher Master
W. H. Beebe Mate 3. Ogden second
Mate. B. North third Mate. at 11.20
A.M. Discharged Pilot. Light Winds
from N.E. at 4 P.M. Lat. 41.04 N.
Course S.S.W. Long. 71.02 W.
Chose Watches and Boat crews. Stowed
Anchors and Chains.

Friday October 2nd
These 24 Hours comes in with
fresh winds from E. Ssk steering S.W. Saw
Porpoises. Saw two Sails and a Steamer. Latter
Part. More Moderate. Handed the Main Gaff
Topsail on account of Steaming Saw two Sails
and a Steamer. Winds light from E by N.
Ssk steering S.W. employed on the Boats.
Lat. 38.13 N.
Long. 72.10 W.

Saturday Oct 3rd
These 24 Hours comes in with fresh
Winds from W. Ssk on S.W. Sack. Split the
Fore staysail unbleat and repaired it and bent it
again. Latter Part Winds ~~W. Ssk~~ on opposite tack
Saw a Steamer. Saw a Whale about 1000 fms
Set the Main sail and worked to Windward but saw
no more of it. at Dark tacked to W by S.
Lat. 37.33 N.
Long. 73.22 W.

Sunday October 4th
These 24 Hours comes in with fresh
Winds from S.W. Ssk on S. Sack. Had a Heavy Squall
at 2 A.M. Split the Foresail. Saw two Sulphur
Bottoms. Employed repairing foresail. Latter Part
at 2 P.M. Set the Foresail. at 4 P.M. Had a Squall
from N.W. Handed Main sail and Stowing Sails. at 5 P.
M. Steaming S.S.W. Lat. 37.17 N.
Long. 73.54