

Bank "Brunette" of Falmouth 187 tons  
E. S. M. Luce - master

Journal of a whaling Voyage in the Barque Brunette  
Remarks on board Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1842

Commences with strong breezes from the N.E. at 12<sup>h</sup> 30 the crew arrived from New Bedford in the Packet Swift, took their chests on board & stowed them below; at 4 P.M. cleared up decks & got ready for sea; at 5, 30<sup>h</sup> the Pilot came on board cast off from the wharf & run out in the steamer came to in ten fathoms of water, & furled the sails; latter part Capt Luce & some of the after gang on shore, & I am left to meditate on my past transgressions & renew my covenant with God & trust in Him to sustain me in trials which are to come;

July 11<sup>th</sup>

Monday

at 3<sup>h</sup> Capt Luce came on board & at 4 P.M. got under way with a light breeze from the N.E. at sunset passed Gay head, to commence our voyage of 14 months; at 7 chose & set the watches; stowed the anchors & chains at 8 P.M. chose Boat crews; at 9 spoke a New York Pilot Boat - so ends these 24 hours

Tuesday  
July 12<sup>th</sup>

strong breezes from the E.S.E. course S.W. a heavy swell coming from the South saw fin backs & Black Fish from the mast heads; at sunset double reefed the topsails; daylight made sail, four men off duty, the rest employed in fitting the Boats

Sat by obs 3806

Song by Chro 2248