

on Board Bark Abraham Barker & on New Zealand ground

Tuesday August 6th 1867

The first part of these 24 hours good weather but some squally. We had all sail set part of the time & we were jamming with the James Arnold & Gernold & Co. Middle part good weather & we were under short sail. Latter part pleasant with a light wind & the James Arnold & Gernold & our ship, we were all running before the wind steering to the W. We were employed at ship duties &c.

Wednesday August 7th 1867

The first part of these 24 hours good weather & we were running before the wind & the James Arnold & Gernold steering before the wind heading W. Four men have been employed at ship duties & C. P. Home we luffed to the wind on the port tack & shortened sail. James Arnold & Gernold Middle part strong winds & some squally with rain. We were in company with the James Arnold & Gernold. Latter part the same & about 3 P.M. one of the other ships that was to the windward of us set signal to the main top mast to show us that she saw sperm whales. We raised one right off & we hoard & struck one & he expired and second water boat but we got him &c.

Thursday August 8th 1867

The first part of these 24 hours strong winds & rainy & we were under short sail & had a whale along side. The James Arnold passed close by us & it was raining &c. Middle part the same & we got up and cutting gear & made every thing ready for cutting & the weather some better. Latter part good weather & we were employed at cutting in our whale & the Gernold. She was cutting in a whale off our lee beam & James Arnold was in sight &c.

Friday August 9th

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we were employed at cutting in our whale & the Gernold & struck off our lee beam &c. Middle part pleasant & we finished cutting in about eleven o'clock & all hands went below but one man to look out for the ship & we called all hands 3 o'clock P.M. & started the work & made sail &c.

Latter part pleasant & we were employed at trying out our whale & the Gernold & James Arnold in sight off our lee beam & the Gernold is trying out &c.

Saturday August 10th 1867

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we were employed at trying out our whale & the Gernold & James Arnold in sight off our lee beam & Gernold trying out. Latter part pleasant & the Gernold was in sight off our lee beam trying out her whale. We were copying the time trying out ours to the Gernold hoisted her signal for sperm whales again & we hoard & three of our boats had chances & they all started & missed. We were made with the Gernold we hoard down our marks & started them again &c.

Sunday August 11th 1867

The first part of these 24 hours the same as the latter part of Saturday & our captain went on board of the Gernold & stayed till 10 o'clock. The evening & Middle part pleasant & we were under short sail & layed aback all night & the Gernold the same & we were employed at trying out & we finished about 6 P.M. & we hoard forward to Latter part pleasant & we were employed at cleaning up our decks &c. & about 8 o'clock P.M. we raised sperm whales again. We hoisted our signal & soon as we saw them for the Gernold to know that sperm whales was in sight & we hoard before we hoard & then we hoard & struck one & was fast to him some time & then we lost him & we chired the rest of the day & the Gernold.

Monday August 12th

The first part of these 24 hours good weather & we were employed at whaling but we did not get any & the Gernold the same & at 5 o'clock P.M. the captain of the Gernold came on board & stayed a while & we gave him a pig &c. Middle part of these 24 hours pleasant & we were under short sail. Latter part pleasant & we were under short sail & employed at stowing down our sail & we finished stowing down about one P.M. & the Gernold was close to off our lee beam &c.