

Ship Caspander of Providence R.I.
at the age of 14 I sailed from Providence on a
whaling voyage to Kameatchkey we stopped at one
of the Cape Verde islands they call Sant Jago when we got
some fruit all hands wear over their sea sickness
so the fruit was very acceptable we only stopped one
day then shaped our course for the river Laplace we heard
we expected to see some whales we saw some but that
was our share of them from there we steered for
Cape Horn with the weather after 15 days sailing with
the cold it blew a gale of wind all the time after
getting around the Cape we shaped our course for
the Sandwich Islands where we arrived all safe and
sound after a passage of 6 months from home we got
liberty to go on shore at the island of Monhe we had
M. Cook in wood and Walter after stopping at the island
6 weeks we sailed for our whaling ground on the
coast of Kameatchkey and there we found it rather
to sail to our living I can assure you that I was
glad to shake out the reefs when we pointed our old
ships head for warm weather again with M. Cook after
6 months cruising we was not very unlucky only
getting 3 whales and lost 2 I began to think that whaling
was not what it should be and I made up my mind to
leave the ship the first opportunity after we left the whaling
ground we steered for the line to pick up some sperm
whales we came across the barque Elizabeth of New Bedford
and made with her that is she was to have half of what
we got and we were to have the same from them we
cruised together a short time and took a few small whales
one day both ships had their boats down after a small
school of whales we was lucky enough to get a small
bull whale it came on to blow hard and we lost
sight of the barque and her boats we shortened sail
and began to eat our whale in it blowing hard
at the time the captains brother was overhauling the
the tacket down when his foot slipped he went
over board to be seen no more the ship drifted
over him after the gale of wind was over we saw
and spoke the ship chariot of New Bedford they
sayer they had seen the barque and that she
had lost all of her boats in the gale

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we being short of wood and water went to the island of
Ascension on the line the barque came in a short time
after we arrived there she had all her boats again. When the
gale came on they had killed a whale so they layed
by the whale 3 days but seeing nothing of their ship
they cut the flesh from the whale to eat then
made sail on the boats and steered for Ascension
and on their passage near picked up by a Dutch
ship a short time after being picked up they saw
their own barque coming down before the wind
and they were taken on board and sailed for the
island of Ascension where we were to anchor
we got plenty of fruit at Ascension and I began to
think it would be a fine place to live if I could
get away from the ship. The black cook and me
had all ways been on good terms so I asked him
what he thought about it he agreed at once and
we concluded to start the next morning it being
our liberty day after we got on shore we started
for the weather side of the island we walked
all day and at night found that we had taken
a strait and was nearly back where we had started
from we crawled under some low bushes to hide
ourselves but it was no go for the captain had
put out a reward for us and the natives had
watched us and now we had to find us about 10
o'clock at night the natives came on to us they had
surrounded us and took us they lashed the cook
up to an coconut tree and put me in a hut with
a man to look out for me till morning the
next day we were taken on board the ship again and
they had a good laugh at us but I swore that I
would leave the ship some how after taking in
our wood and water we sailed for the Sandwich Islands
again and stood of anchor at the island of Atey
the ship was bound on to the cold weather again
and I did not want to go. The night we sailed from
Atey was fine the wind was light the land 3 miles
to leeward of us I could not swim or I could have
got on shore the captain had a bathing tub some
thing like a coffin and I thought it might