

Chas Phelps

North West

Monday July 10th 1848

Calm. Two sail in sight. One boiling and the other cutting and boiling. Hooked on the whale and began cutting. At 3⁰⁰ lowered and struck a whale and the Iron Strap failed. We have seen a great many large whales this day. At 8 finished cutting. Middle part moderate. At 2 started the work. At 4 lowered for 3 whales without success. Latter part light wind from the N. West Island bearing N 20 miles.

Tuesday July 11th

Light wind from the N and fine weather. Employed in boiling. Two sail in sight boiling. At 8 lowered and struck a whale and drew from him in 3 minutes. Middle part moderate. Latter part smart breeze and fog squalls. At 10 lowered and struck and the line parted. At 10 struck again and drew from him.

Wednesday July 12th

Smart breeze from the N and foggy. Boiling. Saw the Minerva fast. At 8 lowered and struck a whale and at 11 got him alongside. Drifting on smart. Middle part calm down. Latter part lively wind from the N and foggy. At 5 hooked on the whale and began cutting. At 9 traced full. At 10 started the work again.

Thursday July 13th

Light wind from the N and good weather. Boiling. At 1 lowered and struck a whale. Saw plenty. Middle part moderate. Latter part light wind from the N. Spoke the Peabody had taken 120 barrels. Lowered once without success. Land 40 miles.

Friday July 14th

Light wind from the N and fine weather. Boiling. At 3 lowered and struck a whale and at 6 got him to the ship. Saw Pocahontas take a whale. Middle part light wind from the N. Latter part light wind from the N and fine weather. At 4 hooked on the whale. At 8 had him in and started the work. Spoke the Minerva 2 whales.

Saturday July 15th

Light wind from the N and fine weather. Drifting in for the land. Boiling. Saw several whales going quick to the N. At 6 sighted Island bearing N 20 miles. Middle part backed off shore. Latter part light N wind. Boiling. Saw one whale going quick to the S.

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Sunday July 16th 1848

Light wind from the N and beautiful weather. Boiling. S. Boiling. Saw several whales going quick to the S. Minerva and Pocahontas in sight. Middle part light wind. Latter part the same. Saw 2 cutting. Saw 80 up back. Strong down.

Monday July 17th

Light wind from the N and fine weather. Standing N. Boiling. At 2 finished strong down. Middle part good weather. At 3 finished boiling. Latter part light wind from the N and good weather. Saw 2 whales going quick. Saw Minerva strike a whale and part from him. Cleaning bone.

Tuesday July 18th

Light wind from the N and good weather. Saw Minerva strike a whale and draw from him. At 4 lowered for a whale going very quick. Struck and killed him and at 9 got him to the ship. Middle part moderate wind from the N and foggy. Latter part light wind and fine weather. At 10 hooked on the whale. At 10 finished and began boiling and strong down. Calm.

Wednesday July 19th

Calm. Boiling and strong down. Middle part light wind and fog. Latter part commenced calm and foggy. At 10 a light breeze from the N. Saw several whales but could not strike. Minerva chasing whales.

Thursday July 20th

Calm and fog squalls. Boiling. At 2 lowered and struck a whale and the Iron Strap failed for 40 feet when the line got cut off by a wire iron through the flukes. Middle part moderate. Latter part light wind from the N. Boiling. Saw the Minerva take a whale.

Friday July 21st

Light wind from the S and good weather. Boiling and looking for whales but none to be seen. Middle part wind S 30 and drizzle. Latter part the weather continued the same. At 11 finished boiling. Nothing seen.