12th. As we were both under short sail during the night, the ship was just about the same distance from us this morning. We hoped it was the Com. Morris, and Samuel would have tried to speak her - but she seemed inclined to avoid us - we hoisted our colors - but she took no notice of it - In the afternoon she went on one tack, and we another, so that we soon lost sight of each other. To day we find ourselves in East Longitude.

13th. Spoke the Ship that we saw yesterday, which proved to be the Amethyst of New Bedford, Capt Jones. He came on board about 6 o'clock and stayed until one o'clock, he had a very pleasant yarn, had much to tell him that had transpired within the last three years. he gave me a few pine-apples - the first I have seen for the voyage -

14th. Saw Macauley's or Goat Island in the morning, Pilot two boats went in fishing - failing to get fish they went on shore and killed two wild hogs - came back to the ship about sunset. The Amethyst in sight all day -

15th. Two boats went ashore today, came back in the afternoon with a few fish - two wild goats which they had killed and a kid which they succeeded in taking alive - The Island is very small, uninhabited, nearly destitute of vegetation, no water to be found on the Island - an abundance of goats, hogs and parraquets to be found, they caught one of the latter, to bring to Minnie, but it got drowned on their way to the ship. We had some of our pork cooked for dinner today, that they killed ashore yesterday, I made great dependence upon my dinner, but when it was brought upon the table, the flavor thereof was sufficient we were obliged to leave it remove before we could eat our dinner. hope the goats may prove more palatable. Saw a ship at a distance about sunset. We hoped to see a whale off this Island but have been disappointed

18th. As the wind was fair this morning, and Samuel had become nearly discouraged looking for Sperm whales and finding none, we started for the South, right whaling. I was disappointed for I wanted to get in with the Sperm whale fleet, hoping that we might see the Com. Morris we may perhaps see Sperm whalers on our way South.

The goats we procured at the Islands are very good eating the taste resembles very much that of mutton - had it stewed, boiled and fried and a very nice hash made as we have of sheeps heads ~~and~~ of the head and hearts.

For the last few days have had very pleasant weather - shall have it more rugged as we proceed South.

21st. Saw a fin-back very near the ship about sunset the first whale of any kind we have seen since we crossed the line - The weather is now quite cool, but pleasant -

22nd. Weather much cooler to day - have had the stove put up in the house on deck instead of the cabin for the present.

25th. Christmas day reminds us of home and friends. Minnie wished to hang up her stocking as usual, and as I had a tin of candies which her grandpa put up for her "Santa Claus" managed to fill it very well. We sat down to a Christmas dinner of two roast turkeys, sweet and Irish potatoes, boiled onions, stewed pumpkin and cranberries, pickles and a nice indian pudding made of milk and eggs. had a good kitten for the benefit of those living in the forecastle, to which I should think they did ample justice as there are but two legs remaining. In the afternoon they were cheered by the sight of a right whale, lowered the boats, but it was rough and a heavy sea, so that their efforts were without success, as he kept under water most of the time. About sunset again we heard the welcome sound of "There blows" but it was too late to send the boats out in pursuit of them. -

26th. Spoke the ship Falcon, in the morning, of New Bedford, Capt Norton 28 months out, 700 bbls. The Captain came on board and passed the day with us. I sent a letter to Thomas Pokey by him, as he was confident that he should see them at Talcahuano. About 5 P.M. saw another ship, but did not get near enough to speak.

27th. A thick fog in the morning, regular right whale weather, or hoggy, as the French Captain of the L. Dutfout called it - in the forenoon ~~kept~~ had a hard shower, so that we soon caught water enough for our next washing-day -