Marengo has taken nothing as yet, and the Wm C. Nye one whale, the Omega a fin-back which yielded about thirty barrels. Just before we left the M. the wind began to breze and blew quite fresh for the night.

4th. A strong breze and thick fog. four ships near us. I forgot to mention that Mrs Skinner and myself made an exchange of articles that we most wanted I wanted a skein of red sewing silk very much, (I had a plenty that was too light) which she could supply me with, which she wanted a skein of blue yarn, which I had for her. She presented us with another lot of those Magdalena Bay figs. I venture to say that we fare much better for figs than though we were at home.

5th. Rather thick today but the wind has moderated. Land has been in sight for the most of the day, the shore along Cape Shaddens. we were about twenty miles from the land at one time, but it was so very high it appeared as if it were not more than three or four miles off. We want now to get the other side between Capes Navarin and Shaddens where the whales are supposed to be, as soon as the weather clears. After tea spoke the Christopher Mitchell, Capt Manchester came on board and stopped until sunset, which was about ten o'clock. He had a letter on board for his Cabin-boy - eighteen months old. but he said it would be news to him as he had not received a letter this voyage. He has been in the Indian Ocean heard of Capt Frank Smith wanting two whales to fill, so I presume he is with his family by this time.

6th. Foggy as usual and a strong breze. We were all surprised and pained this morning to learn that Minnie's little kid Billy was found dead in his house. We think he must have had a fit, as he was well to all appearance last night. It was a sad thing to Minnie for she dearly loved him, and indeed he was a great pet with us all. P.M. The weather appears to be clearing and more settled. Hope we may have it pleasant tomorrow as I have been waiting some time for a good washing-day.

7th. Clear and bright have done a large washing and feel well satisfied with my morning's work.
We are between Capes Navarin and Shaddens off the Bay of "Archangel Gabriel" the name laid down on the chart a very singular name for a bay to say the least. 5 ships in sight but we are disappointed in not seeing the whales.
About 8 o'clock P.M. saw one whale and lowered the boats without success.

8th. Lowered the boats three times for one whale, but they could not get near him. Two ships in sight. Samuel is quite undecided where to go now. He had calculated upon seeing ice and whales off Shaddens. We are now looking around for ice, thinking if we find it, we might find whales at the same time. About 8 o'clock spoke the William A Henry. Capt. Grinnell came on board and stopped until 10. just as he left in his boat a thick fog set in which shut his ship from our sight.

9th. A pleasant day but no whales. Two ships in sight. Wind ahead and we are beating our way again towards Shaddens. as the ice is so thick in the sea that it is impossible to get through it.

10th. Spoke the Christopher Mitchell about four o'clock this morning. did not gam as there was a strong breze. Had quite an unpleasant day, foggy and windy.

11th & 12th. Same as 10th. with some rain.

13th. The fog has left us but it is cloudy. We are near the ice to the Eastward of Shaddens. Eight ships in sight. passed a clipper Barque this morning. Yesterday I had a severe attack of sick-headache which lasted me through the day. I was never troubled with that complaint until quite recently and I find it anything but pleasant. I lay it to drinking chocolate in the morning and am resolved to give it up for the present, to see what effect it will have. Afternoon. We have had some rain since morning and quite a strong breze. Spoke the Omega of Fairhaven Capt Whalon came on board, but as we were going in opposite directions his call was short. He has left his wife at Hilo this season in company with eight Captains ladies. I I suppose they intend having a nice time but I accompanied Samuel that my little family might an