14th. Weather thick and foggy during the night, heave
not saw nothing of the boats. After breakfast, got out
our big gun and fired so as to guide them to the
ship. We suppose they stopped on board some ship
as there were several near the whale. About 9 o'clock
the boats returned leaving the whale anchored
and a waif in him so that no one might claim
him. Soon after a slight breeze sprang up and
we got under way. Capt Barbour made us a short
call. At 12, M. found the whale got him alongside
and commenced cutting in. They do not make
much oil, but very little helps in these hard times
there appears to be a great many of them around
but they are generally hard to take and more
dangerous than other whales, often chasing and
attacking boats. Afternoon fog cleared away and
very pleasant. The B. Tucker loomed for Muscle-Diggers
fastened to a cow and calf. the latter sank. Samuel
went on board at 8, P.M. and stopped until 10. The
B. T. got his whale alongside about that time. We are
now in what they call Bowhead Bay, nearly off East
Cape, and in sight of the Diomede Islands which
are situated nearly in the centre of the Straits, shall
not anchor unless it comes in thick.

15th. Capt Barbour came on board in the morning,
is not as well pleased with his whale as he expected
to be. it has turned out to be a dry skin and he
will be under the necessity of throwing it all away.
We have had Natives off in great numbers today, and if
they could procure a piece of our blubber to eat by fair
means or foul, they devoured it with a great relish. If
Samuel had allowed them to take it as they wished
we should have had none left. It is sickening to see
them. They brought some specimens of their workmanship
off today in the shape of ivory images, which were really
quite skilful. P.M. We are working down off
Michigmen Bay again 5 ships in sight. About ten time
had a call from Capt. Sanborn of the Omega and Capt.
May of the Dromo of New London, has taken no oil this

season. The Omega has one whale. They give the same
report in regard to whales that we have heard for some
time, none to be seen. At 8 o'clock P.M. we anchored
in Michigmen Bay where we expect to water tomorrow.
The Nassau is anchored near us. Capt. Murdock came
on board after we anchored. He is getting water also. We
have both sent rafts in shore tonight.
Capt Murdock took the Captain of the French Ship
Napoleon 3d, which was lost in the ice off from St Paul's
Island, where he went with his boat's crew, and put him
on board the "Nil", a French whaler.

16th. Sent rafts in shore for water but owing to the low
state of the tide it could not be got off until this
afternoon one boat staying by the casks until another
went to relieve them. just after dinner our eyes were
gladdened by the sight of a "bow-head", sent three boats
off, but without success as they were going too rapidly
to stand any chance of getting near them.
In the afternoon Capt. Murdock came on board, for a
short time, his water they found to be too brackish to
use so that he will be obliged to send in again, ours we
found to be a little brackish but as we only needed a
little we can get along without being obliged to drink
it. The men that were ashore brought me three bouquets
which are very pretty indeed. Since we have been around
the land I have had over thirty different varieties brought
me. It looks strangely to see them growing by the side of a
snow bank. they must come forward very rapidly, as their seasons
are so short. After tea loomed again for bowheads with
like success. Finished boiling today, the whale made 25 bbls.—

17th. Got up this morning and was told to look out of the
cabin window saw a strange ship had come in and
anchored during the night. I inquired who it was, and
was told that it was the "Marengo". Well, said I, to myself
I guess I shall have company today. So I went to work after
breakfast to clean up my cabin and make things look
as pleasant as possible. As their boat were all out watering
and whaling, and we had one boat on the cranes, I invited
Samuel to go on board and bring them to pass the day with us—