which is a long low point of land reaching out fifteen or twenty miles into the sea, with huts on the point. The Harmony left several hours before us -
22nd Saw a ship this morning quite near, he soon proved it to be the Champion, Capt Coffin ~~came~~ our former partner, Capt. C. came on board and we were very happy to see him as it had been some time since we had either seen or heard from him, he has taken nothing this season, is feeling rather low, about three days, but "hopes better times are coming"
23d. Foggy for the most part of the night and a greater part of this day. No land could be seen and the only way we could tell where we were was by using the lead and line. About 4 P.M. it cleared away so that we had a view of the land and found ourselves just where Samuel had predicted off St. Lawrence heads. Have been any quantity of Muscle-diggers around today and we have had four boats in pursuit of them without success as yet. Capt. Coffin informed us that Capt. Gibbs of the Speedwell has given up his intention of going South and has returned to the bay again to look for bow-heads. May success attend him. In the evening Samuel went on board the Champion for a short time. -
24th. Pleasant weather with a light breeze several ships in sight, Champion close by. P.M. Saw the Marengo. a clipper at a distance which we could not make out. About 8 P.M. a boat toward from the clipper and came towards us. when it came near we found it to be Capt. Gibbs and wife of the Speedwell. I was extremely happy to see them. They stopped until half past eleven and I enjoyed their visit very much. Capt Gibbs has decided to stick to the Arctic this season oil or no oil.
25. Calm as a clock, the Marengo Speedwell Champion and the French Caulaincourt close by. About 10 A.M. Capt. Gibbs set his signal for us to come on board. So we nothing loth, prepared ourselves and started soon after our arrival Capt. Skinner and wife came

and in the afternoon Capt. Coffin of the Champion and Capt. Le Baste of the Caulaincourt. he has taken two whales since we last saw. there has been a small cut in the Arabian Sea but we were not there to take a share in it. The William Thompson took three whales which made him 500 bbls. he stands No. 1 on the list now. the Christopher Mitchell took two whales the Baltic one Saratoga one Hercules two. The Addison as yet can boast of only two and a Muscle-digger. We had a grand visit on board the Speedwell Capt Ben Gibbs it is not often that three ladies can get together. Mrs Gibbs has a pleasant cabin and fine accommodations. Soon after we arrived on board a ship which was near us set her signal and hauled up her mainsail for us. So we went down and spoke her she proved to be the William Rotch. Capt. Ellison came on board for a few minutes he is just from New Zealand two years out with about 300 bbls of oil. He said he saw a little girl on the house, so filled his pockets with oranges for her. I saw a piece in the "Friend" today on board the Speedwell which purports to be my testimony in regard to the influence of Missionaries. I recollect of telling Mr Damon that I was very much disappointed in regard to the Natives when I first arrived at the islands, they were not nearly so far advanced as I expected to see them, I did not for an instant think that the statements that were made were untrue, but that I had set my standard of excellence too high, had formed too exalted an idea of them. But" said I, Since I have been at the Marquesas Islands, and seen how low and degraded they are there I can form a better idea of what has been done here. Well it seems that Mr Damon thought that he could make that tell in print, so has written a long piece, in which any one would infer that I was always rather an enemy to the Missionary cause than otherwise but since I had been to the Marquesas Island and seen the Natives uncontaminated by Missionary influence I was compelled to acknowledge that after all the Missionaries had done some good. It made me