have been obliged to take two men from the forecastle to act in that capacity. Since the Oahu left us, she has had several boats stoven, and one man's leg broken, a bad beginning, the Cynthia has taken six whales and the Carib four- they are both a number of miles farther up the lagoon than we are, or can get-

11th We were intending to go on board the Scotland to pass the day but it rained some in the morning and was quite unpleasant so we decided to postpone it until tomorrow

12th A beautiful day for our visit, we left about 10 o'clk and returned in the evening, had a delightful visit. I was very happy to go on my own account, but doubly delighted that Minnie could enjoy the society of girls at sea, they being the first she has seen this voyage Capt Hicks oldest daughter is eleven years old, and she and Minnie enjoyed each other's society very much Samuel did not pass the day with us as he was busy cutting and boiling, but he went early and took tea

13th The Scotland took a whale today being the second they have taken here-

14th Mrs Hicks and children passed the day with us Capt. Hicks and Capt. May came to tea, passed a very pleasant day- Capt Allen and Mr Salters passed the eve with us-

15th Capt. May and Samuel went fishing, got nothing except quahogs as the tide was not right. Capt May's boats took a whale.

16th Samuel went on board the Drones to help cut in the whale, with a boats crew as Capt May was short handed.

17th Samuel is laid up today with a lame back in consequence of digging quahogs and cutting in whale- Capt Hicks came on board for me to go and see his wife as they thought some of leaving at night- but while he was here they decided to stop another day so I put off my visit until tomorrow as I was busy washing- and I did not care to leave Samuel Capt. Hicks recommended New rum and Saleratus to bathe his back which I immediately applied

got a whale to day which they were to bring to our ship, but Samuel sent for Capt May to take it to the Drones as he was not able to see to it

18th Capt Hicks boats took a whale yesterday which sunk, they anchored him and went back for him today, when they had the misfortune to find that the sharks had almost entirely devoured him Samuel's back being lame, I invited Mr Crocker our fourth officer to take Minnie and myself on board the Scotland which I presume he was very happy to do

19th Capt. Fish of the Victoria 50 or 60 miles up the lagoon was here this morning by day light, came down for bomb lances- passed the most of the day with us- Our Steward set out to go ashore after wood this morning, fell in with a Spanish boat that had liquor bought a good supply, then they went in the bushes and had a regular spree. After our boats came back from whaling as he had not returned, Samuel sent Mr Parker to look them up he found them just arousing from their carousal- they came back looking quite crest-fallen- he feared they had run, and it was quite a relief to me to have the Steward to come back- although I have lost confidence in him, he is an excellent Steward and that is all you can say-

20th As the Captains were all going fishing today- I thought I would send for Mrs Hicks and family to come and pass the day with me- We had a nice time today, until about noon I saw one of the Scotland's boats coming back with a man lying down in the stern sheets- and presently the Captains boats went on board also- I knew something bad had happened but I kept still as I knew that it would make Mrs Hicks feel very bad- She knew nothing of it until tonight when her husband came and said that one of their boatsteers had his leg broken in two places by a whale the whale escaped- then one boats returned at night we found that one of the boats had been served in the same manner, but fortunately no one was injured- Mr Forsyth has recovered so that he goes in the boats