the man that had his leg broken on board the Asher has since died

21st. Today we went on shore and had a picnic, Capt Hicks his wife and two children, Samuel Minnie and myself, and Capt May and son started about nine o'clock in the morning. We took our Steward with us, and Capt Hicks took his Cook. carried bread crackers cake cookies and pies with us. after we arrived there kindled a fire and made a quahog Chowder and we had plenty of coffee and beer also. Stewed Forest birds, for dinner. The Captains went a little further up the lagoon fishing for fish, their seine was too short, so that most of the fish escaped. We had an abundance of oysters all around us, growing on the trees, and the empty shells ~~thrown~~ lay on all sides of us would show that we did them ample justice we would have a tree cut down, and thrown across the fire, until the oysters were sufficiently roasted then take the tree off and commence operations each child having a separate fire and roasting her own oysters. It was a pleasant day of their lives and one long to be remembered. It is a barren country nothing growing except sand-flowers which were very pretty and Cactus plants. The children succeeded in making very pretty wreaths to adorn their heads even in such a barren place. The tide went down about noon very suddenly in the lagoon where we were leaving the boats high and dry about two miles the channel. so that we made up our minds to have to stay very late, perhaps the most of the night. So we prepared ourselves accordingly had a boat sail put up for a tent in the morning to protect us from the sun. We sent the men out to get a good supply of wood, and such a roaring fire as we had. it reminded us of the big logs and large fireplaces of old fashioned days. We wrapped ourselves up in boat sails colors and table cloths and were as comfortable as need be, though we thought our home friends would think it looked rather dubious had they seen us, with no prospect of getting off until the rise of the

tide, with those children seven or eight miles from the Ship. About 9 P.M. we found that the boats were afloat. Soon after the moon rose and we started off had a delightful sail by moonlight and arrived at the Ship about half past ten. on our arrival we were very happy to hear that our boats had taken a whale. We all decided that after having such a pleasant time that we must try it again before we leave the Bay.

22d We feared that the children might take cold last night, but our fears were unfounded. and we all feel better for our excursion. the whale that was taken yesterday was brought to our Ship this afternoon, and the Dromo's boats with one of the Scotland's took another today, the whale carried them nearly down to the heads before they killed him, after being killed he sank they anchored him leaving one boat by him until they can get him up, Two Spanish boats were down today with beef raisins figs oranges and cheese. we bought some beef and some oranges which were very nice.

23 They succeeded in pulling the whale up this afternoon got him alongside the Scotland a short time before dark. Another whale was taken in Clark's lagoon today which was taken to the Dromo. so we shall all make a smoke together, Capt Sherman of the Barque Cynthia laying about 30 miles above us came down at night, stopped to tea with us and went on board the Dromo to spend the night, I believe he wants to buy cotton cloth for trade.

24th Samuel went on board the Scotland to help Capt Hicks cut in his whale took Minnie with him came home before dinner leaving Minnie there to pass the day with the children. Captains May and Capt Sherman were here to dine with us. Capt Sherman took 140$ worth of trade from the Addison. Capt Hicks came on board in the P.M. to invite us to pass the day on board the Scotland. he said we had better visit each other as often as possible as we might not have another such nice time to come for the voyage and I for one do not expect to. it is so very smooth here. we both go up and down the Ship's side as there are so few men on board we put them to as little trouble as possible.