25th. A bright and beautiful morning as usual, the days are all alike here. About nine o'clock Samuel and Capt. May took us on board the Scotland where we stopped until about 6 P.M. their boatsteerer who had his leg broken ~~is~~ continues very comfortable, his leg appears to be doing well. The Mate of the Scotland came home about dark with his boat badly stoven, a whale came up under his boat knocked them all in the water but no one was injured. they afterwards fastened to the same whale but he towed them so far out to sea they were obliged to cut from him. The Brig Antilla from Oahu passed us today on her way up the lagoon. The Capt came on board for a short time, and afterwards Samuel went there. Our boats did not get home until eight o'clock in the evening they took another whale and were obliged to anchor him on account of the tide.

26th. The boats went up the lagoon as usual this morning and will bring the whale down when they come. Samuel and Capt. May went fishing and oystering this forenoon. were quite successful, got over a hundred good sized fish, and as many oysters as they wished to bring down, got the whale alongside about dark.

27th. Capt May and Capt Hicks with their boats crews came on board this morning to assist Samuel in cutting in the whale. as we had only one boats crew of our own to stop. Nothing was seen up the lagoons today. I believe I have not written down the loss of the Barque Black Warrior, Capt. Brown she went ashore several weeks ago in what is called "Scamerons" lagoon Capt. Brown came here without stopping to the Islands and sold his oil on board that he took North which fortunately was but 200 bbls.

28th Capt. Hicks and family passed the day with us today set the signal for Capt. May to come and dine with us but he did not come, from the appearance of his ship we judged that he was stowing down

30th. Samuel and Capt Hicks thought it best to keep the boats on board today not only to recruit the men but also give the whales a chance to come in, and they

thought Capt May would do the same as they were the majority but he saw fit to send his boat alone and the consequence was they got a whale, rather an unfair price of business the rest of us thought, I suppose he claims it, as it was taken to his ship

February 1st 1858. Samuel Minnie and myself went on board the Scotland and passed the day. in the afternoon Capt Hicks Capt May and Capt Lawrence went after some oysters which they found in abundance, Stowed down on oil yesterday found that the four whales had yielded us 177 barrels of oil, a very good yield for mushiggers.

2d. Samuel went fishing today got about a hundred Mullet and a few flounders. The boats took a whale in the Main lagoon today which was taken to the Scotland.

3. Samuel went fishing again today as he wants to get some to save to carry North. took the Steward and Steerage boy with him, so I had the cooking to do. I made four loaves of bread, six pies, six pans of cookies and stuffed two fish for baking. we have five men left on board. three invalids It seems very lonely to have them all gone from the cabin. The boats fastened to a whale again today but accidentally cut from him. I have mentioned about their getting oysters that grew on trees, but the story that they came home with today I think rather beats that. the most of the fish they took today they found inside of decayed logs of wood, splitting open the log and taking the fish out. a strange kind of fishing, but nevertheless true. even the whales go up in the bushes. and the last one that was taken they killed on the flats.

5th. Capt Hicks and family passed the day with us, had a pleasant time as we usually do.

6th. Mary stopped on board last night with Minnie I made up a bed on the cabin floor so that they might sleep together she stopped on board through the day. they generally amuse themselves in cooking when they are together, today they made cake and cookies which were really quite nice