in case we should ever see whales again.

27th Capt Vinegar and Sammy came on board and passed the day by special invitation. We had a very pleasant time. After tea it became rough with a strong breeze the barometer giving indications of a gale. Consequently he left early. We expect to part company now after enjoying each other's society for nearly a fortnight. as he intends going through Unimak Straits into Bristol Bay and we think of going farther to the westward through Ra passage into the same bay hoping to find whales before we go in. after Mr Hawtley came on board he learned that there had been a stabbing affray on board the Julian, two of the men, an Irishman, and a Spaniard, got into a dispute, when the Irishman stabbed the other with his sheath knife quite badly in his shoulder, the mate had him put in irons immediately.

28th Had quite a strong breeze through the night more moderate today. all the strong breezes come from just the way that we wish to go. so that we do not make much.

29th Saw a large right whale in the morning and another in the afternoon but it was too rugged to lower.

July 2nd. We have decided to go through Unimak passage as we never shall get ~~another~~ anywhere else with these winds if luckily we may get there, considerable rain has fallen this week and fogs have prevailed. I have been almost sick the last week with a severe pain in my head and face brought on by a cold which settled in my teeth. Fin backs have been around the ship in great abundance today. killed two from the ship they turned up close by the ship. but before we could get a boat to them they sank to the bottom.

July 3d A fine pleasant day but a head wind. the first day that we have had an hour of pleasant weather for a week. Tomorrow is the glorious Fourth and what bright anticipations of the morrow are mingled with the religious exercises of today. If we could only get a whale on that day

our anticipations would be more than realized. We would ask no better celebration. I can not give up the hope of getting something this season. I know there must be a little for us.

4th Minnie arose early this morning and hoisted our flag, which was all the celebration we could boast of — as we did not get that whale that we hoped to. a beautiful day which I improved by washing, after waiting 10 days for a clear day.

5th Clear and pleasant with a nice fair wind, raised land this afternoon at the distance of 60 miles. a mountain on Unimak Island.

6th Quite thick with some fog. As we got hold of the land the day before Sammy decided to run through into the Bay which we did with safety. Raised a ship in the afternoon Saw the Volcans on Unimak sending forth a perfect cloud of smoke.

7th just after we got through last night the wind left us entirely but we were safely through and all was still. Nearly calm in the morning clear and pleasant. land visible.

13th Have had an abundance of fog ever since we have been in here occasionally the sun would shine through the fog so that we were enabled to get observations. have been cruising around in all directions and seen neither ships nor whales and have not been able to catch even one Cod-fish after I had made so much dependence upon them. This is the anniversary of our wedding-day. twelve happy years have passed since that never to be forgotten day may we long be spared to gladden each other's hearts.

18th Have experienced almost constant fog ever since we entered the bay. have seen no ships nor whales except fin backs. there appears to be plenty of food here and there may be whales by and by but Sammy feels as if he could not stop. he must be moving and now we are bound toward St Paul's and thence to the Arctic for we are poor the 18th of July and not a whale this season. This is Minnie's birth-day eight years old. I told her a month ago that when it was her birth-day I would make a treat for her in the evening and she might invite all the officers to partake with her. So she has ever since been looking forward to it as a great event. Saturday I made preparations and I was fortunate in doing so, for I