15th. About 11 A.M. raised two bow-heads, called the watch immediatly. lowered four boats two after each whale. Mr Huntley soon had the good fortune to strike one and about 1/2 past 10 o'clock had a large bow-head along-side. so the old Addison has "saved Skunk," as the saying is. never was a whale more acceptable to a Ship's company. may it be a precursor of several more. a dozen Ships in sight and all chasing; but we were the only fortunate ones in this company. Saw a Ship or barque boiling. they commenced cutting in about 1/2 past three P.M.

16th Did not finish cutting in until 1/2 past one A.M. had considerable trouble it was a very large whale and inclining to sink it caused them much trouble. Saw whales and lowered the boats several times without success. After tea spoke the Henry Kneeland. Capt. Kelley came on board and passed the evening, he has taken nothing this season. he brought us two packages of papers that were sent us from Honolulu. one from J. S. Walker and the other from Ch. W. Seymour they were very acceptable. we learned that the vessel that we saw boiling yesterday was the Bark Fortune Capt. Foster his first whale also. we commenced boiling this afternoon plenty of ships in sight

17th. About 1/2 past 4 A.M. raised whales but could not get near them, in the forenoon lowered again the whales appear to be very wild, and no wonder when there are so many ships looking out for every whale that spouts about 1/2 past 11. the Barque William Gifford Capt. Baker ran down and spoke us. Mrs Baker and myself passed the compliments of the day. Capt. B. wished Samuel to take Minnie and myself and bring us on board. Samuel did not want much to go, as he wanted to be on the look-out for whales but finally consented to carry us and return immediatly which he did, Just as we were ready to start Capt Earl of the Josh Swift came on board for a few moments. he has taken 5 whales, one of the favored few, he accompanied us on board the Wm Gifford. after dinner he and Samuel left each for his own ship and throughout the afternoon every ship had four boats down, the Corinthian

Capt. Lewis was the only fortunate one, he took a bow-head alongside about 4 P.M. Capt. Gifford has taken nothing this season, and feels badly like the rest of us. They have two children a boy of 5 years and a girl of 15 months, Baptiste little Charlie was delighted to see Minnie, the first child he had "gammed" with since leaving home, he shed tears when she left. I found a letter on board from Sister Sarah which though old was very acceptable. After tea we had an addition to our ~~family~~ company of Capt. Lawrence of the Addison Capt. Lowen of the Gay Head and Capt. Clark of the Bartholomew Gosnold. Capt C. has taken nothing since we saw him. 2 whales Capt. Lowen has taken one whale this season. Mrs Baker gave me a jar of honey. a tin of preserved quince a bucket of Munganui potatoes which are far before Sandwich Island potatoes, and gave Minnie some Cocoa-nuts which pleased her very much, we carried the children a couple of apples a papa of figs, a few eggs for Mrs B. and Minnie carried Charlie a picture and Mary a string of beads, Capt. Mrs Baker and myself had a nice time talking about good old Falmouth — our boats spoke the Clione this afternoon, nothing this season.

18th I lay awake for the most of the night with the tooth ache in the morning it left me, but I was confined to the bed for the most of the day with a violent sick headache lowered for whales with every body else in the forenoon, Capt. Earl of the Josh Swift happened to be the fortunate one. A strong breeze from the South today, P.M. spoke the Helen Mar. Capt South came on board for a few minutes, nothing this season he brought his pockets full of walnuts to Minnie he also brought us letters from Thomas A. Mercy at Takahuano written in April. he saw them at that place. they were all well had received my package that I sent by Capt. Stewart in October Thomas had not been very successful on Guaffo the past season taken 150 sperm. he also brought us a package of papers from our Sahaina friends also letters from Mr and Mrs Brayton as late as the 15th June. he left his wife and Wife's sister at Sahaina, left them at Payta last season. After tea we raised whales again lowered the boats and Samuel thinks they would have struck had it not been so rugged. it was almost too much so to row. The weather looked bad