to read which were ~~indeed~~ a treat. sent Minnie a bottle of lemon syrup and me a fowl. After Samuel came on board the ships to windward raised a whale which was missed by one of the Rambler's boatsteers. Shall we have another chance? I fear not as we have seen only this one for the last four days. if we could but get one or two more how grateful we would be.

24th. A strong breeze almost a gale and quite rugged. raised a whale about 9 A.M. hesitated whether or not to lower the boats. but finally did so as we could not resist the temptation had the good fortune to strike, the whale did not take the line, no line was parted neither did any get foul. all things worked right and about one o'clock P.M. had him alongside. It was very rugged and Samuel feared that he should not be able to get him in. but they finally succeeded after many hindrances taking them thirteen hours to cut him in. 159 bbls.

26th. A strong breeze towards noon rather moderate after dinner lowered for a whale and got fast to him. the boats could not get near him, he being inclined to run, and as there was but one iron in him that soon came out, making the eighth whale that we have been fast to this season.

27th commenced boiling today two ships in sight. almost or quite a dead calm. saw whales in the afternoon chased for some time but as there was no wind the boats could not near them.

28th. Fine pleasant weather saw one whale, but he came too near the ship before we saw him and gallied or frightened him.

29th. A strong breeze from the north, clear, bright weather. plenty of fin-backs in sight they have probably driven the right whales farther south, where we cannot go as the wind is from that direction

30th. A strong breeze with a heavy head sea, saw the Islands of St Paul's and St. George's today. have seen the former several times before this. The Good Return in sight. in the afternoon had several boats down, we saw no whales, even if we had

Samuel thought it would have been impossible to get a boat down our ship's side, without swamping. we were engaged for the most of the day in stowing down our oil - 159 bbls a very good whale. We lost about 20 bbls in cutting in.

October 1st. Last night it moderated even to a calm, the wind commenced breezing up again about 10 A.M. and continued until it amounted to a gale. The Good Return in sight commence boiling this morning. suppose he must have taken a whale the day before we saw him, as he was unsuccessful in his attempts yesterday. Moderated towards night, and the rain poured almost in torrents.

2nd. Moderate breezes from the South today. raised whales immediately after breakfast. lowered the boats and gave chase to them. In the course of the forenoon about a dozen whales had made their appearance, but they were exceedingly wild and not a boat could get near them. We send but three boats out now, as our second Mate is off duty and has been for nearly two weeks - cause - a disturbance between him and the mate. nearly calm throughout the day.

3. A strong breeze from the North. spoke the Good Return in the forenoon cutting in a dead whale which she picked up in the morning, our olfactory nerves assured us that it was ~~a~~ some time before we spoke him. The gale increased throughout the day. I think Samuel would have started to go out today, had we not so many whales yesterday. two ships in sight besides the Good Return.

4th. The gale still continues blows rather stronger than it did yesterday. Samuel is almost ready to start before it, have had very heavy squalls of wind and hail through the day.

5th. The weather continues the same. After breakfast we made sail for the 122 passage. a heavy sea and ~~ugly~~ also the same as yesterday

6th. Last night the Addison barely managed to head her course and now we can run no farther, for we have a strong breeze from the South, laying to. ~~About 6 P.M. the wind suddenly changed to the South East and blew very hard from that quarter.~~

7th. The wind from the South the same as yesterday at 6 P.M the wind suddenly changed to the South East and blew very hard from that quarter.