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Mess Williams & Barns

New London

Gentlemen

I will give you a statement of my last years cruise at
Seppan I found know whaling took one humpback
made thirty barrels had very bad weather took a heavy
gale while laying here all that saved the ship was her
heavy ground tackling sent down her galley in the blow
Bark Star Harnis came near being lost in the same blow
on the 17 April off Bonin saw a school sperm whale got fast
to one stove boat by bad management lost the whale on 18th saw
two schools going quick no chance to get fast May 18th
Lat 17° 15' Long 178° 50' East fell in with ice and it was thin
nothing but ice the whole season June 16th Lat 31° 42'
Long 177° 30' East saw humpback and plenty of hump back
I looked for whale & dug in succession struck three and
one I ought to get more oil here June 18th saw whale no
weather to look going quick & after this time saw
no more whale stood in for Cape Horn as Cape bearing
on sun charts when I got out a cut in the Channel
but saw nothing thick weather set in about this
time when cleared up found my self in the straits
saw a great deal of ice in the straits but know whale
passed East Cape June 20th cruised in the Arctic
about two months saw twenty ships to one whale I saw
ice most of the time the furthest north that I could get
in August was 70° 20' between Cape Horn and Dry Cape
August 22th Lat 69° 22' Long 179° 00' in with the ice here
I saw about 30 ships a few scattering whale saw them
one rising Aug 20th Lat 69° 16' Long 171° 00' close in with
the ice saw nothing spoke ships to three columns later
Fish and ship General Deot of herase bound off
I saw nothing to stop for as I had but bear about
60 days and got nothing I kept off in company with them
saw ice most of the way down to East Cape passed
East Cape August 28th saw plenty of ice in the straits
but no whale passed St Lawrence Island Sept 1st
Sept 1st the off. passed Island saw nothing Sept 11th
Cruising off St Pauls Island here I saw plenty
of white whale but they had to strike

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I arrived at Seppan Island Oct 30th loading cargo
and with one hundred and fifty barrels of oil
and twelve hundred of some about fifteen hundred
weight