

May 1852

At 4 saw large numbers of finbacks going quick to the south. the sun set 15 minutes to 4. we have 18 hours sun and 4 hours twilight wore ship to the south at 11. And wore to the W. S. W. at 5 past 4 at 5 set in thick fog at 6 lit up saw a ship ahead steering direct for us she proved to be the *Electra* of New London Clark master the captain came on board at 4 past 4 saw a ship to the windward steering direct for us she proved to be the *Hibernia* of New Bedford Baker master 32 months from home she has taken 500 sperm and 800 Whales So ends the day in company with them the captains on board here and the mates in board the *Electra* saw finbacks

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Friday

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Commenced with light winds from S. W. steering by the W. S. W. to the west. In company with the other ships had thick fog most of the day stayed the guns found they could ^{make} some shots at 4 past 4 the captain left to go on board the *Electra* at 4 past 4 we broadened steering by the wind to the W. S. W. at 11 the wind hauled to the south steering by the wind till 3 o'clock. P.M. then kept off W. S. W. and made all sail at 10 the fog cleared up so that we moved the most hands saw a ~~small~~ ^{small} sail a stern could not tell how she was steering saw finbacks

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Saturday

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Commenced with fine breeze from S. steering off by S. W. and all sail at 4 to 4 saw a large polar whale to the windward distant 2 miles toward 4 boats in pursuit of him with out success as we had lost all run of him at 5 came on board and took in topgallant sails and stood a long by the wind to the S. E. till 4 past 5 then tacked to the north but the weather being thick and rainy we could not see but a short distance at 4 past 6 kept off S. W. thinking the whale might of went to the leeward at 4 doubled reefed the topsails weather very cold and disagreeable

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kept the ship West by N under double reefed fore and main topsails strong breeze with rain and fog all of the remainder of the day

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Sunday

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got the observation commenced with moderate winds from S. W. S. E. with thick fog and rain bore W. S. W. under double reefed fore and main topsails and foresail at 3 o'clock it passed a small piece of ice buffed by the wind on the larboard tack heading S. E. by S. set the mizen topsail and at 10 wore to the north at 6 P.M. the fog cleared up for a few minutes saw a sail to the leeward steering to the west at 12 passed an old carcass so low in thick fog

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Monday

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commenced with thick fog and snow at 4 o'clock at 4 the fog cleared up saw some ice and 5 ships at 6 spoke the Liverpool of New Bedford swift efforted and the mountains of New London Bengawan master this season the Liverpool had fought up a dead one was ship to the north and at 11 wore to the north at 2 P.M. saw a Polar whale going to the windward quick at 5 saw another called all hands and lowered the larboard with on success at 6 came on board and got breakfast saw more whales lowered the same boats at 4 past 10 came on board without success while they were gone saw a whale close to the ship lowered the bow boat with out success. saw 5 ships 2 of them boiling and chasing whales saw large quantities of ice there seems to be plenty of whales but they are close to the ice we cannot do any thing with them but we have hopes that ice will break up and leave in a few days saw grasshoppers

Left 61:24 A.M. the long it is I have not heard for several days for we have had no chance to get observation So ends the last day of my last as ever we have seen whales and chased them and that is all