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Tuesday

16 commenced with light winds from the west. Heard saw a few whales lowered but could not shoot. He saw a number of ships all trying to catch whales. We are standing in for the land most of the time with a distant 30 miles or less at 6 o'clock. At all hands in good health and the Sabbath watch is just going below to light at short staff if they ever get it. Middle part fine weather tried to catch whales with out success. latter part saw whales at 8 lowered at 9 the watch for boat started after them. The most of the line the vessel drove at 10 came on board passed the office residence of New Bedford cutting she has 9 whales this season.

16 commenced with strong breeze from S.W. standing off and on the land at 10 o'clock saw whales lowered the watch and laboured boat without success at 2 set in the first fog so our whaling for the first part of the day we do nothing but chase from morning till night as I caught all the day. This way as we have the death the most of the ships we have seen are building we are all most discouraged and I think we have good reason to be at 5 o'clock passed the foggy hills and set the watch middle part the with rain at 12 saw whales close to the ship going to the windward at 11 P.M. passed a ship building.

latter part at 8 captain Crowell went on board of his friend he to be the making of New Bedford. Devalve Abster she has 3 whales this season one she caught her self and the other she found dead passed a ship we call in the general Williams of New Bedford. But the day in a thick fog.

Wednesday

17 commenced with light winds from the south with thick fog. Saw a couple of whales close to the ship. Employed at 10 o'clock to set up our cutting paths to at 4 o'clock at 10 the fog cleared off at 8 saw plenty of whales and at 9 called all hands and lowered all four boats the bow boat struck the whale ran for a half hour.

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And the air drove at 11 came on board the captain found some fault with the third man for not bringing the whale and says he shall not lower any more. So he it he is at it one to cure for any harm the captain can do him.

This is the first whale that I have been just to since I have headed a boat and I care that if it is the last one there is other means for one to gain on some likelihood besides whaling. At one I shall try then first chance which will come round on the course of 4 months.

latter part light winds from S.W. saw whales and lowered the quarter boats with out success saw several ships and a cutting and the most of them building. So ends the day the one that has blasted all up my hopes of doing any thing at the whaling business because one man has been displeased with one when I thought I was doing as clear right as possible. But after this I shall make the effort to please I will follow the bent of my own feelings I shall not care who is pleased or displeased I will do my duty as clear as far as I am able to with I make friends or foes.

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Friday commenced with light winds from S.E. steering S.W. at 2 set in thick fog. Employed at breakfast but for water on preservation. Middle part light winds from S.W. laying a back most of the time passed several ships and the greater part of them building. latter part strong breeze from S.W. steering by the wind on short tacks saw some 3 or 4 whales going quick to the windward most of the time thick fog at 12 o'clock P.M. passed the ocean of Providence the captain on board he has 7 whales this season and he took 1100 last season and 300 sperm on his passage from home all told 2300.