

Saturday June 1852

293 days out

19 Commenced with strong breeze from South with squalls of fog at 2 o'clock parted company with the ocean passed the 2 brothers of New Bedford sailing. Saw one whale going to the southwestward of middle part light winds from the North and steering by the wind off and on the land at 4 o'clock P.M. saw 14 ships the greater part of them sailing. Latter part light winds and fine weather employed at breaking out the bread and flour from the blubber room and stowing it down aft saw 10 Polar Whales. They are smaller than I have seen but are more than I can tell us must have a South on board. But the grand trouble is to find out who he is. I think his dogs would be numbered at once. So ends with the whales saw

294 Grampacks Grampacks and finbacks

Sunday 20 Commenced with light winds from North steering by the wind to the N.E. under all sail passed several seals some sailing and one riding the off them are steering to the southward for Cape. Thaddeus saw finbacks employed at enlarging the blubber room at 5 o'clock saw a ship we called the B. Tucker of New Bedford. Sarah Alhaster at 8 Captain Crowell went on board of her she has 2 whales this season with make her 120 barrels of oil. Middle part thick fog most of the time at 2 past 12 P.M. saw whales lowered the stubboard and waist boat without success the captain's boatsterns missed at whale he should off struck so says the captain. Latter part strong breeze from the Northward at 4 P.M. came near our running in the ice before we discovered it as it was thick fog at 10 spoke the B. Tucker Captain Crowell went on board

135 So ends with thick fog

Long No whales

21 Commenced with light winds from the North and with thick fog in company with the B. Tucker of N.P. at 2 o'clock Captain Crowell came on board and left off. I was in company with the B. he made a purchase of some

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Foggy days since I hope our lucks will change from bad to good or from what it is to worse which seems almost impossible the captain has stowed himself a way to take at Cape or I will do the same. Middle part light winds from the North steering S.W. by S till 2 o'clock P.M. then luffed by to the wind to the westward latter part light winds from the North steering S.W. saw a 4 unit men my ship and the most of them hard at whaling saw the land to the westward distant 20 miles

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Commenced with light winds from the North steering by the wind most of the time at 1 P.M. saw whales lowered without success in company with the Washington's boat of New Bedford she has 5 whales this season saw 33 sail from the most head and the most of them sailing saw one ship take a whale to the leeward of us at 4 o'clock saw a large school of killers at foul of a Polar whale lowered the quarters boat in pursuit of him a thick fog set in so the boats had to come on board. Middle part calm with thick fog till 1 o'clock P.M. had a light breeze from the Southward and the fog cleared off for a short time at 3 set in thick fog with strong breeze from the South. Said by the wind with the main top sail at back heading to the eastward at 6 the fog cleared off saw large fields of ice bearing from S.W. to N.E. at 8 at 4 tacked to the westward saw several ships but no whales. Latter part thick fog steering by the wind to the westward under all sail but only with at present is whales we passed ship Thaddeus of New Bedford sailing success to her you grant we may do the same shortly