

Monday August 9th 1852
 commenced with fine breeze from the
 Southward steering by the Wind from the
 Eastward saw but few whales and they
 showed us no chance to take them
 saw 3 ships take whales saw the Ocean
 of Plymouth take her 23 whale
 this season but we cannot get one we
 try night and day but to no purpose
 the gods seems to be against us
 And perhaps they have a reason
 to be. For we are a sinful set of
 men as was ever put in one ship from
 the Captain down to the Cook there is
 no exception At 11 o'clock a ship
 tacked to the westward saw a ship to the
 windward with 3 boats put to a whale
 The mate standing Watch for what cause
 I do not know the bears meat we got
 from the cherro-tree was so strong the
 devil could not eat it

I hope when we get more fresh meat
 it will be of a kind that we can eat
 I care not whether it be cow or hog
 nor would I run from a well cooked dog

So here I now likewise declare
 I eat & will eat more polar bear
 and if I find it on my plate
 I will throw it at the stewards feet

Some of our mates were shot so nice
 for they filled their dish as much as twice
 The Captain said it taste like fish
 so he could not but the second dish

But now death came a grand decoration
 The bear must undergo inspection
 He are eating in a safe place by fire
 hunting for his only grace

The Captains whiskers are so thin
 He wants bears grease to make them trim
 If he could take a few more
 they would do to make him there
 for him to wear on shore

This bear would of weight 1200 lbs
 he need 2 barrels of oil the bottom of his foot
 would measure 14 inches

Put the first fine breeze from S.E.
 steering by the wind till 8 o'clock
 P.M. then kept off at 7 P.M. saw
 the bark martins of New Bedford
 cutting a whale saw a great
 number of carcasses at 12 o'clock
 saw a whale on the water
 as if he was dead we commenced
 to make preparations to
 take him a long side when he
 went down and we saw the
 nose of him Lat 62:30 West

Tuesday August 10th 1852
 commenced with fine breeze from
 S.E. steering at 11 under all sail
 At 5 o'clock a ship spoke ship Oli
 Zumbo of New Bedford 112 whales
 heard that the Captain of the vesper
 was taken out of his boat by a
 whale and lost at 6 o'clock saw
 whales going quick to the S.W.
 Toward 2 boats with out success at 9
 put the company with the O.Z. by
 and put off our course at 10 P.M.
 by the wind to the new latter part of the
 breeze from S.W. steering S.W.
 spoke ship Nimrod of New Bedford
 bark master 3 whales this season