

August 1852
 At 3 o'clock off E S E at 10 cleared off
 Some the night is almost as light as the
 day we have at full moon But the north
 in light gives double the light She
 close Latter part clear and pleasant
 at 22 Ships & building saw 1 whale
 toward the starboard boat for him but
 he forgot to show himself again
 the doctor of New London passed us steer
 ing to the starward saw a carcass
 ran for it some time thinking it
 was a dead whale Employed at re-
 pairing the main-top-sail So ends

I have just been reading a
 description of the loss of the whale
 ship Ann Alexander of New
 Bedford captain double the good
 old ship is the more after 50
 years hard service she has gone to
 rest beneath the wave she has run
 through calm and strife she was
 at home for me the first 4 years I
 passed at sea

She was lost in the late of 5 day
 South And Long 120 West
 on the 20 of August 1851 her boats
 were in pursuit of whales one of them
 struck the whale turned on them and soon
 2 of their boats the remaining boat picked
 up the crews of the stricken boats and start
 ed for the ship captain double was not
 willing to give the whale up without another
 trial so he kept the ship at some pace
 for him when the whale turned for her
 and struck her in the bow turning her
 bow all in the crew left the wreck in
 their boats and fell in with the stricken
 ship who carried them to port at the
 time she was lost she had 500 barrels of sperm
 oil on board

They were picked up by the stricken of
 stricken captain gibbs who rendered them
 all the assistance that lay in his power

August 1852
 Tuesday 24

commenced calm and clear saw 1 whale
 saw 13 ships & building most of them steer
 ing to the north saw the Frigate to the
 S W distant 6 miles saw seals and walrus
 making the best of our way to the S E
 Latter part strong breeze from East with
 squalls of fog at 9 o'clock P.M. spoke
 Barb Commadore a Preble of Lynn
 Lumber master 16 whales captain crew
 el went on board of her and Mr. Tri-
 tie came here passed a number of
 carcasses saw a French ship boiler
 y so fair well to August well well
 come to September We saw the land
 to the S W did not know what land
 it was

September 1852
 Wednesday 1

commenced with strong
 breeze from S W with squalls of
 fog In company with com. Preble of
 at 2 o'clock spoke ship Electra of New
 London black master 12 whales and
 ship John Howland of Newbed
 ford Lumber master 5 whales
 All of the captains on board of the
 com. Preble Mr. Briggs mate of
 the Electra came on board here
 at 6 o'clock the mates left to go on
 board of their own ships saw several
 ships one building Middle part light
 winds at 10 o'clock 20 minutes to 1 P.M.
 all the captains left the commodore put
 for their respective ships
 Latter part fine breeze and pleasant
 weather steering by the wind to the
 off 8 miles all sail saw Killers
 employed at breaking out for flour
 and bread saw 28 sails & building
 the most of them steering to the north
 so commenced the first full month
 very pleasant indeed I hope at the
 close of this month we shall find our
 end of the fatal seas