

September 1852

saw her in the straits the other ships were  
the harrable of New London 12 whales the  
Isaac Hicks 15 whales  
the Sully arm of New Bedford 9 whales  
and the citizen 19 whales at 11 o'clock  
parted company made all sail to the South  
latter part wind and weather the sun set  
ing SE by compass at 4 past 9 P.M.  
saw a whale going quick to the S & bowers  
and chased with out success at 12 noon on board  
saw a great many devils first saw the  
ships we were in company with last evening  
to the start of us

Sunday 12th commenced with light winds  
from the starboard steering by the wind to  
the Eastward at 2 o'clock spoke the corvair  
howland captain Crosby came on board at  
8 in the evening parted company at 11 o'clock  
and latter part thick fog with light  
breeze from the starboard one of the sound  
which Islands skippers off duty with swell  
legs saw some devil fish but the bow  
heads

Monday 13th This day commenced  
with light winds from the starboard  
with thick fog steering by the wind  
at 11 o'clock calm latter part clear with light  
air from S & S by steering by the wind  
on the starboard tack saw devil fish and 3 sails  
employed at hauling out dried codfishes  
Lat 68° 30' N  
Long 174° 01' W

So Ends the last day of my 24th year

farewell to the day that Ends twenty four years  
that I've passed in this world of sorrow and tears  
~~if~~ if I have to live twenty four more  
I shall be quite an old man that is over two score

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Tuesday 14th commenced with light breeze  
from the starboard with heavy swell from  
N.E. steering by the wind to the  
W.N.W. I company with the Frigates  
of St. Bedford captain Crowell on board  
of her saw 2 sails steering to the south  
at sundown double reefed the topsails and  
brailed up the courses at 10 o'clock at 11  
parted company our skipper feeling in  
very good humor perhaps he has taken  
freely of the Waters of life

And thus commences the first day  
of my 25th year. Middle part calm  
latter part the same I company with the  
Frigates Lt. her have 2 casks of water as  
she is short that necessary articles saw 3  
ships one boiling baptize Johnson on  
board here and our mate on board of  
his ship

Lat 68° 30'

Long 174° 10' the Longitude

must be wrong 174.3 - 30 true

Wednesday 15th commenced calm at 1 o'clock  
had a fine breeze from the southward  
steering by the wind to the Eastward  
I company with the Frigates saw 19  
ships one boiling at 4 o'clock captain  
London left for his own ship  
at 11 o'clock the same latter part fine breeze  
and pleasant weather saw 30 ships all steering  
to the Eastward several boiling and the  
most of them whaling saw a great  
many Rippers and a few bowheads  
at 10 o'clock P.M. lowered all 2 boats  
strikes and killed the Subboard boat  
So Ends

Lat 68° 00'

Long

Thursday 16th commenced with fine weather  
employed at tuckering at whale at long  
shore and making preparations  
to put their inn at 3 commenced at  
cutting finished at 4 the captain and  
mate had some difficulty the captain  
beams being out of order it was not  
they must