

Friday May 13 commenced and ended with pleasant weather the ice is so thick we can scarcely work the ship. Since my last date we have seen whales every day all going quiet to the N. W. This day the first part saw a cow and calf lowered and struck to the N. W. B. then the bow boat lowered and struck the calf and drew from both.

Saturday commenced whaling struck to the N. W. B. and drew.

Sunday 20 Since my last date we have taken 2 whales that rolled from the coiler 180 barrels each. taken by the N. W. B. at this date we are laying in the ice with all sail furled employed at slowing down. Monday passed from the N. W. the ship lay still better than she would in other water. we have been very unfortunate thus far we have struck 14 whales and saved but 4 and now we lay hard and fast in the ice the captain broke my boat steers and sent him forward and put James Ship in charge 2 days for rising disrespectful language.

Tuesday 25 laying in the ice with all sail furled employed at putting on a new cutwater weather cold and thick yesterday we saw 2 sails to the southward the first we have seen since we have been in ice. In the first part of this day I came very close looking for eggs by firing at right the calf laid the blow out and the powder came out of the hole.

Wednesday 26 first part made the best of our way out of the ice found more clear water than we have seen for a month saw 3 sails spoke the Minerva of New Bedford Revere's master. The others were the George Washington of New Bedford and bark fellows of Newington. Nothing this season. Middle part fine weather latter part foggy most of the time. Saw the 3 sails they saw and struck whale the first part of the day.

Thursday 28 all of this day bad weather saw 2 whales at 11 o'clock spoke New Jones Island bearing N. 1/2 W distant 20 miles saw 2 sails the ice appears to form a solid body between us and the land. the second mate is sick of duty.

Friday 29 commenced with strong gales from the northward laying by the ice under easy sail employed at repairing gear saw one whale in the ice. Middle part the same latter part made an attempt to go through the ice to Jones Island but found it too heavy for us with the present wind. Spoke the Rodman of New Bedford of Maine Charles she has picked up a dead whale heard of the lower with one whale. Lat 56:15 North.

Occurred in the day that first