

Wednesday Sept 15th

Light wind from W & from South and Squally. With black Snow Squalls, Wind burst out to the West and blew strong on hour, Lowered several times for whales, Saw several Whales and Turn Flukes, Saw the Eagle & John Howland Cut whales, John Howland is very busy, Flood up to a Strip of Clearing ice to the SE, We worked to the SE last night, Saw more Ships to the SE of us, Too thick weather for whaling, Hauled down all in the Night.

Thursday Sept 16th

Strong wind from W.S.W. and breezy weather, In the morning, Plenty of Whales around, Hauled all 5 boats and I caught a whale, The whale ran to the windward and we pulled him before the boats got to us, Very cold and water froze all over us and my fingers got froze and the men in my boat got their fingers froze, The Cut the whale in 2 & other Ships took the whales close by us, in the fore noon Saw ice to the SE of us, 15 Ships in sight.

Friday Sept 17th

Strong breeze from W and good weather, See a big of big ice to the SE of us, Saw plenty of whales in 4 miles of the ice, Saw in sight, We got a whale and cut him in, 4 or 5 Ships got whales and cut them, I went onboard the Oriole and got 44 pair Stockings and the Oriole cut 6 days her 10 Whales & bag 1150 lbs of oil, Saw the 4 Cus Burns take 2 whales, James Allen one whale, About 18 Ships in sight and all a boiling, The Oriole by blubber enough to fill her cask.

Saturday Sept 18th

Light air from N to N.E. and good weather the most of the day, Landed some Seals, Saw plenty of Whales showing about, Saw 4 Whales taken to Ships in sight and all of them a boiling & whaling, Teller the took a whale, It is very cold and freezing weather, Every thing froze up, I sent onboard the Oriole and got some Charcoal for frozen hands, Fingers fingers are frozen some, Ice made on the sea last night & the men's whiskers is white with frost in the boats, I hope to get a thousand lbs of oil, Mr. Teller got very well, Boats off all the afternoon, Mr. Colson Spent his boat by letting Crane up through her side so I looked her in and put her over board, Let the men have Stockings.

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Sunday Sept 19th Fresh wind from E.S.E. and good weather In the morning Flood off from the ice and saw plenty of small whales about 8 miles off the ice, Mr. Teller got one after hunting some hours and got his boat badly blown in striking, Mr. Grinnell Cutting at 11 at night 21 Ships in sight and all a boiling, We saw 12 Cut whales and think all of them Cut a whale, Very big & packed ice to the SE of us, Land in sight to the SE of the men got their fingers frozen little, Very cold & freezing weather.

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