

Journal of October 1868

Monday 4th

To day weather fine At seven lowered the two port boats & went up to the Dutch cap. Saw several whale maneuvered around them until 3 P.M. when I that is the Starboard boat went on & struck & in two minutes the line parted about 15 fathoms from the whale back my belt iron came on board heart sick At dark boat crew on board employed in flaking

Tuesday 5th

To day rainy with N.E. & S.W. employed washing ship At 3 P.M. rain held up & we went up to the Dutch cap. Saw nothing came on board at dark

Wednesday 6th

This day weather fine & light air lowered the two boats & went up to the Dutch cap & worked a whale up towards the Brothers maneuvered until half past eleven P.M. when I struck the calf & cow turned her up at two & towed for the Island it bearing about North & 10 miles distant soon found there was a current setting to the West towed all the remains of this day Saw nothing of the other boat and man sick

Thursday 7th

This morning weather quite good Still employed in towing the whale At 4 P.M. came to anchor in 10 fathom water & sent the waist boat in quest of the ship at daylight they raised the Capt looking for us came back & we hooked it on & towed again for Plover Capt went to the ship & at eleven P.M. got under way for the same place

On board U.S. Admiral. Blake

At 2 P.M. let go his anchor in 4 fathom water At eight came along side & at the same time got up the cutting gear & set the watch at 12 P.M. until half past four

Friday 8th

This morning hoisted an I went to cut the at 10 P.M. there came up to the Island a small started our own shot & set the other one it rained very hard At two P.M. whale all cut in At 6 started the work so ends One man sick

Saturday 9th

Weather good Employed in hoisting & cutting blubber at 9 P.M. cooked down

Sunday 10th

This day weather good employed in coopersing & filling a three gallon cask from under the hatch & filled them with oil & scraping casks & the decks One man sick & gone to town for medicine Had one man to mess had so ends This day of Oct 1868

Monday 11th

This day weather fine Employed in coopersing oil & storing down oil had two men ashore cutting wood Capt got off our load day ends with fine To day the man that went on shore yesterday came back fetching a letter from the Consul requesting the Capt to settle with the man But there was some misunderstanding somewhere