

Whaling on the Coast of Africa
Sunday the 1st

To day weather fine
Employed in towing a whale to the
Ship got along side & hooked on at
three P.M. At nine P.M. all cut in
the watch. At day-light all cut
in horsepieces. At eight P.M. started
the work. Saw two whale & ends

August the First

To day weather
fine Employed in mincing & boiling
Saw several whale going South to
ward, also one steam ship, steaming
down the land middle line. At
eight P.M. coiled down & run two
casks of oil. Scatter good breeze &
thick. Do ends

Tuesday 2nd

This day weather fine
but thick. Saw several whale. The
third mate struck one & killed him
& I suspect the Capt got the ship
under way & got off to us at eight
P.M. At anchor in 14 fathoms
water commenced cutting. At 12
midnight all cut in. At the watch
At day light cut up the blubber what
we saved for the sharks had eaten
two thirds. Run one cask of oil
Do ends

Wednesday 3rd To day fine but
smoky. Saw a whale lowered one board
at 10 P.M. started the work. At
nine P.M. all boiled. Anakin 14 P.M.
Through the night fine. At eight
up the anchor & run in shore under fore
sail & fish. Saw two whale. Employed in
packing bone. Do ends

Thursday 4th To day fine but smoky with
light South wind. Steering down the coast
to get clear of the sharks. Saw one whale.
ran one cask of oil. Came to anchor at 10 P.M.
in eight fathoms water. Juked the sail
through the night fine. At eight. Home up
anchor & ran down the coast. Saw one whale
going quick off shore. Shoved one cask of oil
Do ends

Friday 5th

To day fine. First part steering
down the coast. Saw three whale. lowered
two boats & gave chase. Starboard boat struck
shot one whale. lance & a loss whale got in
the fire & pulled off one side of the block
& had to cut. Came on board & at four
P.M. anchor in seven fathoms water. four
miles off shore. Capt went on shore for some
part of day. but came off without them. saying
they would have come down in the morning.
At seven P.M. found two English traders there. Through
the night fine. At seven P.M. Capt went on
shore. Employed on board in washing out side
of the ship. Do ends

Saturday 6th To day fine. Saw two whale
going quick to windward. At four P.M.
hoisted off anchor & steered down the coast
at six the Capt came on board fetching some
matters & other little things but could get no
potatoes. At seven let go the anchor in 10
fathoms water. Through the night fine. At seven
weighed anchor & stood off shore. Saw several
whale & lowered for them. third mate struck
slightly & drew. Do ends